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TEL AVIV (R) — Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali will visit Israel Sunday with a message from President Hosni Mubarak, a foreign ministry spokesman said Tuesday. Israeli officials said they presumed the message would deal with Egypt's view of an Israeli proposal to let Palestinians in the occupied West Bank elect their own negotiators for peace talks with the Zionist state. Mubarak has expressed negotiators for peace talks with the Zionist state. Munarak has expressed reservations about the plan but has not rejected it out of hand. Egypt's ambassador in Israel, Mohammad Bassiouni, told Foreign Minister Moshe Arens of Ghali's intention to visit, the spokesman said. He said Ghali would hold two days of talks with Israeli leaders, including Arens, President Chaim Herzog, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Finance Minister Shimon Peres. "It's something positive," the spokesman said. "We welcome any opportunity for high level contacts with Egypt." Israel protested to Egypt Monday over the Istal shooting of an Israeli fisherman by an Egyptian navy patrol in the Red Sea.

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Tumultuous welcome for King Hussein in Salt

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday paid a visit to Salt and opened a cultural centre and the Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Company (APM) factory and visited the Salt Development Corporation (SDC)...

King Hussein received a warm public welcome where thousands of people were lined up along the

At Salt Cultural Centre, the first leg of his tour, SDC Director Jaafar Al Shami thanked King Hussein for his patronage of the centre's opening and said the King's personal attendance at the event constituted an invaluable moral support. Shami reviewed the achieve-

ments of SDC and outlined its

has succeeded in establishing a bandicraft school in cooperation with the Italian government to train Jordanian citizens in weaving, pottery-making and cera-

He also referred to a proposal for setting up a pilot centre for the excelling students to prepare a generation of leaders capable of facing challenges.

Sheikh Sultan Al Odwan thanked the King for his support of the corporation's projects and said that it had directed special The corporation, Shami said, attention to restoring old huild-

ings and the city's centre and to reviewed Jordan's achievements develop them for touristic pur-

He noted that a project for the restoration of such sites had been initiated in cooperation with the United States Agency for International Development (USA1D), the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) and a British company. which will be carrying out the project in cooperation with the

The corporation's director also thanked Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al Attiqi, the special advisor of Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, emir of Kuwait, and members of the Salt Friendship Society in Kuwait for their generous contributions to the corporation, noting that such contributions had amounted to approximately

Also speaking at the ceremony was Dr. Fawzi Tu'aimeh, who

and voiced loyalty to Jordan under the leadership of King Hussein. Tu'aimeh also congratulated the government on the King's confidence saying that such confidence had enhanced the mutual confidence between the citizen and officials.

He wished the government every success in implementing the royal directives as contained in the letter of designation to the government of Sharif Zaid Ihn

At the end of the celebratiun, King Hussein conferred upon Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al Attiqi Jordan's Al Kawkab Medal of the First Order in recognition of his contributions towards SDC pro-

Attiqi praised King Hussein's pan-Arab efforts in unifying Arab ranks and in serving pan-Arab causes and thanked bim for his



His Majesty King Hussein Tuerday rides atop a car waving to the public during a visit to Salt (Photo by Yousef Al 'Allan

support of SDC projects.

At the Arab Pharmaceunical Manufacturing Company's new drug factory, the company's director, Amin Sbukair, expressed appreciation for the King's dan, saying that such support bad contributed to the high standard

of Jordanian drugs.

The King was accompanied on Ra'd Ibn Zaid, King Hussein's Hussein's advisor for tribal the visit by Prime Minister Sharif private chamberlain, Deputy affairs.

support of drug industries in Jordan, saying that such support bad que Hindawi, King Hussein's Minister Marwan Al Qasem, Political Advisor Adnan Abu Public Security Director General Odeh, Chief Chamberlain Prince Abdul Hadi Al Majali and King

Khomeini buried after half-stripped in frenzy

TEHRAN (Agencies) — Ayatol-lah Ruhollah Khomeini, his body earlier half-stripped in a frenzy of grief, was hastily and unceremoniously buried in a simple shallow grave in south Tehran Tuesday:

After nine hours of wild anguish of up to 10 million mourners, the gaunt body of Iran's supreme leader was finally laid to rest amid scuffles between Revolutionary Guarde and Iranians beating themselves in sorrow.

Earlier the corpse had been airlifted from a funeral vehicle blocked by millions of black-clad, chanting people, the white shroud enveloping it ripped to shreds at the cemetery, and the burial officially postponed. Part of his pale body was exposed, including the scars of his final operation. ...

"Oh stars stop shining, oh rivers stop flowing," a distraught Iranian television commentator declared as the ayatollah's body was taken from an aluminium casket and placed in a shallow

earth grave. The tumultuous ceremony, shown live on Iranian television, reached its chimax as a helicopter dubbed the horse of death by the solbing newscaster bore the corpse of the 86-year-old Islamic revolutionary to the grave bewn in the bard earth of the Beheshte-Zahra cemetery in south

Tehrani. A cannon marked the final moment on earth of the fiery leader who died Saturday of a heart attack after 10 turbulent years at the bead of a nation of 50

illion people. Amid scenes of mass nysteria, the huge crowd surrounding the grave beat their heads with their hands in an expression of grief and hurled dust on themselves, showing that they wanted to be buried with their revolutionary patriarch.

Mourners had earlier blocked the path of a van driving the body to the cemetery, grabbed the corpse out of an open wooden coffin and ripped the shroud into pieces for mementos of their revered leader.

The body was rewrapped, placed in a closed metal casket and airlifted to the cemetery. Khomeini was laid to rest next to Iranians killed in the revolution that toppled the Iranian monarchy in 1979, and soldiers killed in the eight-year Gulf war.

The sun will not shine, as God is my witness, the sun will not shine, a storm is brewing, there is darkness everywhere," the television announcer said.

"O father, don't leave your children, O father don't leave your beloved," he added.

Several people were knocked unconscious in the crush both at the cemetery, and earlier at the Mosalla Mosque, where the nearly 10-bour funeral procession began with prayers at 7 a.m. (0330 GMT).

Khomeini's only son, Ahmad, was knocked down as crowds scrambled to catch a glimpse of their dead leader whose body lay for 24 hours in an air-conditioned, glass-encased bier out-side the north Tehran mosque.

Ahmad appeared pale and drowzy, but conscious as be was boisted over the crowds and passed on from hand to hand to an

His black turban fell off. The state media said the burial would be postponed as waves of mourners blocked all roads leading from the Mosalla Mosque to the cemetery, 35 kilometres to

ambulance outside the square.

.. The hearse was stranded after. covering only a kilometre two hours after began moving from the Mosalla Mosque. The media said If the roads were not cleared, it would be impossible to reach the cemetery before dusk. Islam forhids hurying the dead

after nightfall. Revolutionary Guards and army soldiers fired in the air to make way for the hearse, but no one moved. The crowds cried: We have lost our heloved father, teacher and leader."

"Let the sun not shine tomorrow, let it be forever night for they chanted.

A helicopter hovered low over the hearse until the crowds finally made room for it to land. But as the coffin was being carried onto the aircraft, the mourners grab-bed the body and tore off the white shroud.

The uncovered corpse fell to the ground. It was whisked into an ambulance stranded near the hearse, rewrapped, and taken onto the belicopter again.

The helicopter landed at the cemetery but the crowds grabbed the wooden coffin again, forcing the aircraft to take off again with several people hanging from onto its landing sled. They let go after it was several metres off the

ground. The belicopter returned three hours later carrying Khomeini in the closed metal casket.

Almost the entire population Tehran turned out to hid Khomeini farewell. Millions more converged on the city from other regions, the official media reported, as funeral prayers be-gan at the Mosalia Mosque. Khomeini's body was wrapped

in the Islamic republic flag and laid on the ground in the open air. as the white-beanled Ayatellah Mohammad-Reza Golpaygani prayed. Golpaygani, one of the four remaining senior avatollahs in Iran, choked often and lifted his spectacles to wipe away tears with a bandkerchief.

Ironically, Golpaygani was one of Khomeini's leading critics. A moderate, he had often criticised the republic's stand in the Gul war, calling for a ceasefire with

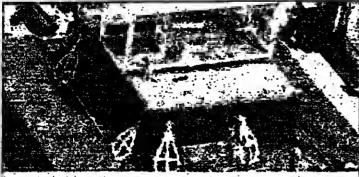
But Khomeini resisted a truce until last August, apparently hoping that the war will unite bis nation against a common enemy at the time his islamic fundamentalist rule domestic opposition.

Egypt people died, some suffocated and others trampled under the feet of the mouraers Monday. About two million frenzied mourners had kept a night-long

candle-lit vigil around the hier Khomeini died of a heart attack, 11 days after intestinal surgery, without resolving the problem of who would succeed

He left a 29-page "political testament," extracts of which were read over Tehran radio by his son Monday. These parts denounced the

2,500-year monarchy rule before the 1979 revolution, cautioned against American .conspiracies and insulted Arab leaders.





(Top) Ayatollah Khomeini lies in state at Tehran's Mosalla Square for public viewing Monday. (Bottom) Monmers (lagilate themselves while viewing the body.

Jordan linvited to Fao ceremony

AMMAN (J.T.) - His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday received a message from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, The message was delivered by Iraqi Minister of Transport and Communications Mohammad Hamzeh Al Znoaidi, who was received in an andience at Al Nadwa Palace. The audience was attended by the Iraqi charge d'affaires in Amman.

The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said that the message contained an invitation to the King to delegate a representaceremonies for the reconstruction of the war-battered Fao

In a statement upon arrival here, Hamzeh said that the message to the King also deals with relations between Jordan and Iraq.

During his stay in Jordan, Hamzeh also will take part in the general assembly meeting of the Iraqi-Jordanian Land Transport Company (LJLTC), which is due to open in Amman Wednesday, and the board meeting Thursday of the Arab Maritime Bridge · Company which groups Iraq, Jordan and

Hamzeh is one of four Iraqi envuys who are carrying invitations for Arab leaders to attend inauguration ceremonies for reconstruction of Fao. The Iraqi News Agency (INA) said the the cavitys will visit the Arab countries in North Africa and the Gulf, as well as North Yemen and Egypt.

INA said the envoys were the ministers of justice, transportation and Islamic affairs. The fourth was foreign minis ter Tareq Aziz, who doubles as eputy prime minister.

Reballding the southern town of Fao, is a major step in Iraq's reconstruction effort, after a ceasefire halted its war with Iran Aug. 20. The reconstruction will be officially started later this month.

Israelis break up funeral OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Dozens of hel-meted Israeli policemen fired tear-gas to disperse Palestinian demonstrators altending the funeral of a Palestinian resistance activist and Israeli troops shot dead a Palestinian in the occupied Gaza Strip.

The clash occurred in the village of Beit Lahiya where doctors said one Palestinian was killed and two were wounded, one seriously. Palestinian reporters said the clash erupted after troops tried to reimpose a curfew on the village

of 13,000 after distributing new, computerised identity cards to residents. The army temporarily lifted curfews in Beit Lahiya and the Gaza Strip town of Beit Hanoun

to distribute the permits, which all Palestinians will be required to

ity" reasons or convicted of "serious crimes" will be denied the entry permits. Doctors identified the dead man as Jamil Hafez Suleiman, 22,

carry in order to enter Israel.

Palestinians detained for "secur-

and said he was sbot in the head. The death raised to 507 the number of Palestinians killed in the 18-month uprising.

In Juerusalem, about 2,000 mourners waved dozens of Palestinian flags at the funeral of Omar Al Qassem, 48, a senior figure in the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP). Qassem died Sunday while serving a life sentence for his role in a 1968 resistance operation.

Israel Radio said 20 Palestinians were detained following a stone-throwing protest that erapted after the three-hour procession and funeral through Arah Jerusalem. Reporters at the scene watched

police fire tear-gas to disperse the demonstrators, who left the funeral shouting. "We are the fedayeen.' White clouds of tear-gas hil-

lowed at the entrance to the cemetery on the edge of the walled Old City, sending dozens of mourners and reporters fleeing the acrid, stinging fumes. Green-uniformed horder police also fired two shots of

tear-gas at Palestinians to force

them to remove dozens of the

green-black-and-white flags they hoisted during the march.

Among the marchers were dozens of small children who flashed "Victory" signs and wore

clothing in the colours of the Palestinian banner.

Mourners vowed to increase

appeared on Tuesday fewer than

Spokesman Yuan Mu said on

their opposition to the occupation and carried signs saying: "Escalating the intifada will redeem Omar Qassem's hlood."

Two Israeli Arab legislators leti the procession. One of them. Abdul Wahah Daroushe, told the mourners after Qassem's body was lowered into the grave: "In spite of Israel's arrogance, the intifada will be victorious."

Throughout the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Palestinians observed a spontaneous commercial strike to mourn Qassem. In Bethlehem, activists forced merchants who were unaware of the strike to close their

In the Gaza Strip, the army maintained a general curfew for a third straight day and hegan issuing the computerised identity

Chinese soldiers fight each other

PEKING (Agencies) — Soldiers of armies loyal to rival political factions fought each other in the streets of the capital Tuesday following the weekend military crackdown on pro-democracy de-

monstrators. A Chinese witness said soldiers of the 28th army, believed loyal to ousted Communist Party General Secretary Zhao Ziyang, exchanged tank and small arms fire Tuesday afternoon in western Peking with the 27th army.

A soldier of the Peking-based 38th army said it was fired upon by the 27th army, also on the west

The 27th army invaded central Peking Saturday night to crush the demunstraturs and has been fortifying its positions around Tiananmen Square.

their hands. "The 28th and 38th armies are the people's armies," one man said. "The 27th army is a bunch

of bandits." However, some people on the

Troops and tanks from the 28th and 38th armies were positioned around the western and eastern flanks of the 27th army Tuesday

Hundreds of people came out to cheer soldiers of the 38th army in western Peking, offering the troops cigarettes and shaking

street expressed concern that sol-

That raised the overall casualty

toll to 363 people killed and 1.430

wounded since March 8, when

the current round of violence

diers were masquerading as 38tb army troops in order to facilitate their passage up the avenue.

Defiance against sanctions

not afraid of sanctions.

ments are attacking us, a few won't give us this or give us that, they are talking about restrictions and sanctions," Yuan Mu said. "But we are not afraid, "he

added, his voice rising sharply, 'no matter what methods they use to interfere in our internal affairs. Many world leaders have

thorities against pro-democracy students and their supporters. President Bush said Monday that the United States would stop all sales of military equipment to

China in protest against the

assault on Peking.

Foreigners flee Though clashes in Peking

in previous days, with defiant student activists and their supporters awaiting the military's next move, the cities of Shanghai,

Wuhan, Manking and Lanzhou China's chief spokesman desaw widespread disruption. Shanghai's municipal radio cal-led the situation in China's largest fiantly told the world that it was

Yuan Mu, spokesman for the city the worst since the 1949 state council (cabinet), said in a communist takeover, with protelevised speech that even if the duction seriously hit by what it sanctions, caused China some called sabotage. problems, the country could still television the situation in the get by.

"Some countries and governcapital was very grim. The efforts to put down the counter-revolutionary riots in Peking have scored an initial success. but the riots have not yet been completely suppressed,"

fn the first official version of the carnage in Tiananmen Square. Yuan said the known death toli was nearly 300, most of them solissued statements deploring the use of force by the Chinese audiers with only 23 students confirmed killed.

Yuan said.

That figure contradicted accounts from many witnesses who speak of huge loss of life both on the square, where the unarmed students made their last stand Sunday morning, and in many other incidents in other areas

Senior military officer Zhang Gong told viewers that not a single student had died when the opposing martial law.

Tens of thousands of demonstrators were reported by residents blocking all roads into Lanzhou, a key military and industrial centre in the northwest. In the central city of Wuhan, demonstrators for the third successive day blocked the vital northsouth rail line linking Peking with

southern China. A western resident in Chengdu, in the southwestern province of Sichuan, said troops moved Sunday against large crowds of demonstrators protesting about the Peking bluodshed.

Leaders 'disappear'

Premier Li Peng, who declared martial law in Peking May 20, has not been seen in public since he met three new ambassadors on May 25 and said the governent 'stable.'

Deng has been out of sight since he met Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev May 16. Zhao, reported fired for showing sympathy toward students

seeking potitical reform, was last seen on Tiananmen Square May 19, where he had gone to meet student hunger strikers. He is said to be under house arrest.

Defence Minister Qin Jiwei. also unseen in weeks, may havebeen ousted from office for

amid Arab expectations

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Shelling ebbed in Beirut Tuesday after overnight clashes between forces loyal to army commander Michel Aoun and Syrian-backed Lebanese militias as attention remained rivetted in Morocco. where three Arab leaders Sunday called for an immediate ceasefire and peaceful negotiations to end the 15-year-old Lebanese civil

Police said six people were wounded in a brief firefight beween gunmen in east Beirut over gasoline filling priorities. Police said nine people were wounded in overnight artillery

exchanges between Aoun's army

units and gunners in Beirut and

the surrounding hills.

broke out over a blockade imposed by Aoun on illegal ports run by militias south of Beirut. A police spokesman said the latest casualties were four civihans injured in the shelling of the Christian coastline north of Beirut and five civilians wounded in the shelling by Aoun's gunners of hills southeast of Beirut.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz held talks in Morocco Tuesday focusing on Lebanese peace proposals drawn up by the threeman Arab heads of state committee headed by King Hassan, official sources said.

King Hassan said Monday the committee was Lebanon's last chance and appealed to all parties to the conflict to support its work. Iraq backs Aoun while Syria supports a rival government led by acting Prime Minister Salim Al

Last month's Arab summit in Casablanca made little headway on Lebanon, but set up the heads of state committee to try to get talks moving on political reforms.

King Hassan declined to give any details of the proposals which he drew up with King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and Algerian Presi-dent Chadli Benjedid. But he said no party in the dispute had reacted negatively.

Official sources said foreign

ministers of the three countries would meet in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, to finalise details of the plan before going to Damascus, Beirut, Baghdad and then Moscow.

After its first meeting Sunday, the committee issued a statement urging the international community to belp to force Israel to withdraw from its self-declared buffer zone in South Lebanon. King Hassan told a press con-ference Monday there was no

presence in Lebanon. He said Syria's withdrawal would come as part of the process of dringing stability to the country, but it was absolutely essential-

comparison at all between the

Syrian and the Israeli military

to organise a quick Israeli withdrawal.

"If ever the Syrian troops were to withdraw from one day to the next we would fall into catastropbe worse than the one through which we are living today, he said. Aoun, who declared a "war of

liberation" in March against Syria

and its estimated 40,000 troops in Lebanon, said Monday he would seek the belp of the United Nations if Arab efforts failed to end the conflict.

"If the Arab League fails in solving the Lebanese crisis, I will go to the United Nations... if the United Nations fails, I will seek other choices to restore my country's sovereignty," he said.

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Mitterrand: Mutual recognition key to peace

TUNIS (R) — French President Francois Mitterrand, on a two-day state visit to Tunisia, has said the path to Middle East peace lay through mutual recognition by israel and the Palestinians, followed by an international conference.

 η "(I am convinced) that neither —were "so complex that we dare of the two adversaries can deny to the other what it legitimately demands for itself: the right to recognition and security for the state of Israel and the right to a homeland and self-determination for the Palestinians," he said in an after-dinner speech Monday. Mitterrand said the problems

not hope this bilateral dialogue could cover them in full...

"That's why an international conference must bring together the parties with the support of the . permanent members of the Security Council." he added.

Mitterrand, who left Tunis Tuesday for a sightseeing trip

through oases on the Algerian border, said an international conference would make it casier for the parties to talk and guarantee

any agreements they reached. Israel rejects the idea of an international conference and the United States has reservations.

Mitterrand, the first Western head of state to visit Tunisia since President Zine Al Abidine Ihn Ali took power in November 1987, welcomed last month's endorsement by Arab leaders of the peace strategy of the Palestine

pected reference to Tunisia's Liberation Organisation (PLO). ousted leader Habib Bourguiba, He described the resolutions of wishing him "a lnng and peaceful

retirement after a live of struggle.

Bourguiba, who ruled for more than 30 years until Ibn Ali had him declared senile, now lives in Monastir, his home town on the

coast south of Tunis. Mitterrand's visit follows the settlement of France's last remaining dispute with its former colony — over compensation for former French residents around the northern city of Bizerte.

He was due to have a second round of talks with Ibn Ali before holding a news conference and leaving for home after dinner.



The main fuel depot in Dora area was hit and set ablaze in artillery barrages in March (file photo)

Lebanon's rightist enclave — a ghost town without gas

By Donna Abu Nasr Associated Press

JOUNIEH - The once-bustling Christian enclave north of Beirut has become a ghost town. Daily shelling by rival forces for 11 weeks has driven most residents into underground shelters and sapped the life from the region once known as the Monte Carlo of the Middle East.

The barrages bave eased since the Arab League called for a ceasefire May 11, but a gas shortage has paralysed the region.

"If it's not shelling, it's gas, and if it's not gas, it's something else," complained Samira Khater, a secretary. An air of stupor hangs over the 800-square-

kilometre enclave, home to an estimated one million people, mostly Christian, There is almost no traffic. Business is slow. Factories that survived the ferocious shelling limp along with skeleton staffs and whatever fuel they

can scrounge. Restaurants are lucky if they get 10 customers a day. Half the shops, hidden behind sandbags and earth-filled oildrums, are sbuttered.

The night life that once throbbed in the clubs, bars and restaurants along the Mediterranean

coastline is dead.

The people in Beirut are tired and dispirited. struggling to cope with a grim fatalism.

Syrian forces and their Lebanese militia allies ntain toeir biockade of the enclave, ringed on its landward sides by hostile forces.

Small cargo ships run the gauntlet of shellfire to hring in food and ammunition for the besieged people. Supermarkets bulge with imported goods pink champagne, passion fruit tea, 10 brands of whisky, cookies, chocolates, hams and

Fruit and vegetables are in short supply, hat

"It only takes one hit to blow up a ship loaded

Twenty litres at filling stations costs 1,800 pounds (\$3.50). On the black market, it's 25,000

Bank clerk Samar Moallem, who earns 30,000 pounds (\$60) a month, hasn't gone to work for

pounds (\$2) a day for taxis getting to and from work. I told the bank if they want me, they'll

war of liberation" has turned many Christians against him. Others bail Aoun as their hero.

David-and-Goliath struggle they cannot win. "Aoun has used the Christian people," said

sumption of meetings on all

Ministry said Monday that Jadal-

lah Azouz Al Talhi, the Libyan

foreign minister, will visit Cairo

Sources in Egypt's Foreign

Khomeini supporters shut down west Beirut

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Life came to a standstill in west Beirut Tuesday in mourning for Iranian patriarch Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

Shi'ite Muslim districts in Beirut and its southern slums were decorated with black flags and posters of Khomeini, 86. who died of a heart attack Saturday in Tehran.

The Lebancse, suffering from a chronic power shortage caused by three months of clashes, cranked up generators to follow Khomeini's funeral live on the Lebanese Broadcasting Corporation, run by right-wing militias.

Mosque read verses from the Koran, as thousands of mourners flooded the Iranian embassy in Beiriit's suburb of Ouzai

lo deliver condolences. Cars mounted with loudspeakers toured the streets

urging businesses to close. Banks and other private businesses that opened after observing a one-day closure sent back their employees and

shut again. "Close, close," shouted a bearded man from a white Peugeot car that drove across west Beirut's Hamra commercial thoroughfare flying the Iranian flag and reading verses

He said he stronlgy supported

"Pakistan's efforts, and India's as

well, to improve relations." and

stressed the critical importance of

avoiding a nuclear arms race on

tan's nuclear programme is com-

mitted to peaceful purposes," he

"She assured me that Pakis-

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tion's commitment to discourage

proliferation of nuclear and che-

mical weapons and ballistic mis-

As Bush greeted Bhutto, she

"It was not so long ago that

Pakistan was a dictatorship and I

was in prison," she said, recalling

the military rule of General

Mohammad Zia Ul Haq, which

ended with his death in a plane

given a verdict against tyranny

and for freedom, progress and

human dignity, for justice and for

new priorities to talk to the

world's greatest democracy... on

the economic, social and educa-

oked ahout their Ivy League

Yale University, while Bhutto

to renew ties of friendship be-

tween democratic Pakistan and

the United States, and to chart

new ways to strengthen old bonds

in the many years to come." Bush

told Bhutto.

"Your visit marks an occasion

was educated at Harvard.

tional needs of our people."

She said she had come "with

Arnold Raphel.

the rule of law.

told him. "We come to talk about

how we, together as partners,

people into the 21st century."

the sub-continent.

continued.

from the Koran. "Sure, sure," replied a groc-

er as he lowered his shutter. The car drove away and the grocer murmured: "Last year it was a strike to mark the Israeli invasion's anniversary. I wonder whether we'll be alive next June 6 to observe a strike for any reason.'

The numerous Palestinian factions in Lebanon marked the invasion's anniversary by issuing separate statements

condemning Israel.

Qadhafi pays tribute Libyan leader Colonel Muammar, Oadhafi described

Khomeini as a revolutionary mystic in a tribute to the Iranian leader, Libya's JANA news agency said Tuesday. Qadhari signed a book of

the Arab League summit in Casahlanca, which proposed an

international conference on the

basis of U.N. resolutions 242 and

338, as positive. The resolutions

indirectly recognise Israel's right

He added: "Other steps must

be taken to clear away the mis-

trust which has accumulated after

40 years of intransigence between

those who have no choice but to

Mitterrand made an unex-

speak to each other.

condolences at the Iranian embassy in Tripoli, the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) quoted JANA as saying.

'Despite the Iran-Iraq war which was a black page in the history of contemporary Islam... (Khomeini was)... a great prophet and mystic of revolution, as well as being a stanuch foe of imperialism, Zionism and world arrogance," Qadhafi said in a message to the embassy.

Khomeini will forever be engraved in Islamic history," the BBC, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Qadhafi as saying. But he said there were "differ-

ences of opinion on the time of (Khomeini's) emergence as well as domestic and interna-

tional events at that time." Qadhafi added: "We hope that Imam Khomeini has left behind the best successor... so that the hanner of the oppressed will not fall after his death and the banners of the revolution and Islamic resistance will also not fall in the face of the enemies of the nation.'

Bush, Shutto agree on Afghan approach

WASHINGTON (AP) - Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto said after talks with U.S. President George Bush Tuesday Shat the two leaders agree on policies needed to hring peace to Afghanistan.

Pakistan ''remains committed to a political solution of the prob-Frem under which the brave people Of Afghanistan will bave the right To freely choose their own government without interference from outside," the prime minister Said after a 19-minute White House meeting with Bush.

The fighting that has continued since the Soviet military pullout Fast February and the presence of more than three million refugees In Pakistan threaten the security ্ৰতি the region, she said.

Bhutto also declared support For U.S. efforts to avert a nuclear carms race in Southern Asia and to halt the flow of narcotics to the

Bhutto said she assured Bush → of our continuing effort towards maintaining peace in the South Asian region and our determina--tion to strengthen the process of nuclear non-proliferation through accords both bilaterally and internationally in a regional context.'

Pakistan, which has been working with the United States to reduce the grawing of opium, a source of heroin, has already achieved some success and much remains to be done, she said.

Bush said during the departure ceremony that he and Bhutto discussed ways to encourage a -political solution in Afghanistan that will produce "a non-aligned, representative Afghanistan government willing to live in peace with its neighbours."

Neither leader gave details of the proposed political solution but both have earlier stated that The current Soviet-backed president, Najibullah, must be excluded from a future government.

Bush praised Pakistan for "extraordinary" humanilarian efforts in caring for the Afghan refugeesin its territory.

Bush urges Iran to help free hostages

WASHINGTON (Agencies) -President George Bush has called on the new Iranian government to help release American hostages if it wants improved relations with the United States.

At a televised news conference Monday in which be deplored the Chinese government's repression of a pro-democracy movement. Bush also was asked about Iran's siles in the south Asian region and around the world." Bush new government following the death of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

·Bush said it was "hard to predict" if there would be change under the leadership of

President Ali Khamenei. "I would simply repeat what I said on January 20th," Bush said, referring to his inaugural address. There is a way for a relationship with the United States to improve - and that is for a release of the American hostages."

crash last year that also claimed the life of U.S. Ambassador The United States broke ties with Iran a decade ago after the U.S. embassy was overrun. The Bhutto said that in electing her diplomats taken hostage then prime minister last year, the first were not released until January woman leader of a Muslim coun-1981, 444 days later. try. Pakistan's people "have

Bush, in a clear signal to Tehran, said "there ise a way for the relationship to improve, and that's for the release of the American hostages."
But the president ruled out any

overtures to the new government, with which the United States has broken virtually all commercial ties. "Absolutely not," Busb "They have been a terrorist

The State Department's office for counter-terrorism lists nine Americans as hostages in Leba-

As photographers snapped photos, Bush and Bhutto leaders college rivalries. Bush attended

non, as well as three Britons, an Irishman, an Italian and a Belgian. All the Americans are believed held by pro-Iran factions. "As soon as we see some move away from oppression and ex-

tremism of that nature we will

review our relationship," Bush

Egyptian sentenced to life for spying for Israel CAIRO (AP) - A court-martial

has convicted an Egyptian teacher of spying for Israel and sentenced him to life in prison at hard labour, the first such case reported since the two countries made peace 10 years ago.

The military correspondent of the government-owned newspaper Al Ahram reported that Ali Abdul Hamid Sobh Al Labad was recruited by Israel in 1985. The report did not specify when he was sentenced.

A military source confirmed the report and said Lahad was sentenced about-a month ago but a news blackout had been imosed on the verdict.

Lahad evaded the compulsory
draft, and his father, angered, posed on the verdict.

required a court martial even threw him out of home in 1985, though the defendant was not in 'Al Ahram said. the military, the source said, requesting anonymity. The teacher is the first person reported to have been tried as an

Israeli spy since Egypt and Israel signed a treaty in 1979. Numerous spies were convicted by both sides during the previous 31 years, during which they fought four wars. Some were hanged.

Lahad, an Egyptian of bedouin extraction, was a resident of the village of Goz Ghanem, in northern Sinai during Israel's occupation of the area after the 1967

Labad went to school in Sinai and travelled regularly to Israel. for timber work in Beer Sbeba, about 50 kilometres away. He later went to an Egyptian

university, was graduated in 1982 and went to work at a secondary school in Rafah, an Egyptian border town that expanded into Gaza while Israel held Sinai: The Gaza half of Rafah remains under-Israeli occupation.

"Instead of oband carrying out a national duty. Labad decided to serve the Israeli intelligence," the paper said in an emotional full-page report showing pictures of Lahad and of alleged espionage tools such as a shaving can used for hiding film and books said to contain coded messages.

available for a price. Before the fighting, most produce came from other parts of Lebanon. Now it's smuggled in at might by muletrain from the But the blockade runners don't try to bring

with fuel," a police spokesman said. "So no one dares take the risk."

pounds (\$50), a month's wages for many

"I don't have any gas," she said. "I can't afford to pay my whole salary for 20 liters or pay 1,000

have to get me gas." ave to get me gas."

The casualties and damage wrought by Aoun's

"I've lost millions of pounds in the last few months, but I don't care." said businessman Joseph Zouwein. "No matter bow bigh the price, I'll be glad to pay it because I support an

uncorrupt leader fighting for a rightful cause. I'm ready to die for it. Others blame Aoun for plunging them into a

one young man who declined to be identified. 'He's led them into a dark tunnel of hunger, death and siege because of his personal ambition to become president."

First Libyan passenger plane in 10 years lands in Cairo

airport.

CAIRO (Agencies) — A Libyan plane landed in Cairo Monday for the first time in a decade and passengers were greeted with flowers and embraces.

Cairo and Tripoli, ideological foes since the early 1970s, unofficially reopened their border last

"I missed Egypt. I dreamed of coming here. This is not my flight, but I insisted on being on it and coming here," said Fathi Soweilam, one of the aircraft's

engineers.
The Boeing 727, carrying 87
Egyptian and 38 Libyan passengers, made the first direct flight from Tripoli to Cairo since 1979. Libyan pilot Captain Fathi Badr said he was happy to be able

to land a plane in Egypt again.

"For 12 years, I have not

it, but not landed in it," he told Reuters.

The border was reopened less than a week after President Hosni Mubarak and Lihyan leader Muammar Qadhafi held rapprochement talks during an emergency Arab summit in Morocco.

On Sunday Mubarak's son Gamal met Qadhafi as part of a series of steps to improve relations, government sources said.

Gamai, 26, was part of an gyptian delegation representing different ministries which visited Libya Sunday, they added. The national carrier Egypt Air

advertised that it would resume daily flights to Libya Thursday. Libyan Airlines intend to have six flights a week to Cairo as a start. As a Libyan team filed out of the Libyan Arab Airlines plane come. My wife needs treatment," been in Egypt. I have flown over

Monday for reconciliation talks with Egyptian officials, a girl and a boy dressed in richly ornamented Lihyan costumes

handed out flowers. Passengers beamed as airport officials helped the young, old and sick down the stairs. Nadia Nasr, 28, an Egyptian woman married to a Libyan, said she and other passengers danced and ululated as they approached Cairo

"I am so happy to come home on a direct flight," she said. "It was such a hassle to transit via Malta or Greece.

A 67-year-old Lihyan sitting beside his sick wife in the airport

lounge said he had not been to Egypt since 1979. As soon we heard that flights had resumed, we decided to

said Mohammad Amer Abn Hus-"Egypt is our home," he said

> ped teeth. The Libyan agency JANA said Monday Gamal Muharak visited Oadhafi's house wrecked in a U.S. bombing raid on the Libyan capital April 15, 1986. JANA said he signed a guest book denounc-

with a smile, exposing silver cap-

Egypt's Middle East News Agency (MENA) had not dis-

that flew Sunday to Libya.

JANA quoted Mubarak's son as saying the team's discussions

June 20. He would be the highest ranking Libyan in the Egyptian capital in years, but Oadhafi's cousin and intelligence chief, Ahmad Gaddaf Al Dam, said "U.S. imperialism" evi-Sunday Libyan leader also plans denced by the attack. to come

closed the younger Mubarak's presence in the official delegation

were "fraternal and frank."

MENA reported that Libyan offi-

cials "expressed hope for a re-

The JANA report said young Mubarak inscribed in Qadhafi's guest book a denunciation of "the aggressive act launched by the U.S. imperialism" against Libya. Muharak's government ex-

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pressed "alarm and strong resent-

ment" at the time of the attack

hut stopped short of condemning-

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smoking in the form of diseases that affect the whole body and all

ages of society," he added.

Malhas referred to the Ministry

of Health's 1977 Smoking Law

and said that it had been enforced

in Jordan since last March ban-

ning smoking in public places such as hospitals, restaurants and

and representatives of various

organisations in the country

attended the seminar, which was

split into three sessions and reviewed working papers.

The seminar was held one

week after the day designated by the World Health Organisation

(WHO) as a "no-tobacco day"

and which was marked in Jordan

through lectures, seminars and

The Health Ministry launched

a campaign on thar day, May 31,

to enhance public awareness of

the dangers associated with

smoking. The campaign included

distribution of posters and parn-

phlets, broadcasting radio and

television messages and publica-

tion of features in the press.

ment used by the Faculty of Nursing and artificial

flowers organised by the Friends of the Handicap-

ped Persons Club at the University of Jordan. In

addition, there are two other exhibitions of chemical experiments and equipment, and reli-

A group of senior PSD officers

airpon lounges.

Jordan to assemble eight helicopters

By Rania Atalia Jardan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - The Jordan Technology Group (JTG) will sign an greement with the Schweizer Aircraft Corporation of the U.S. next mooth in Paris paving the way for the assemble of lightweight belicopters in Amman to be used for training, aerial phography, agricultural spraying and passenger transport, a ITG manager said Tuesday

The 50-50 joint-yenture would initially allow for the assembly of eight-T5-330 helicopters during the first year, and would pave the way for the co-production of np to 18 additional belicopters during the project's third year, Leith Al Qassem told the Jordan Times in an interview.

The four-seater helicopter, which Oassem said, would be priced-at approximately \$389,000, would be sold in the Middle East, a market capable of absorbing 300 or so of the lightweight machines.

Betweeo 30 to 40 per cent of dan," Qassem said, "hut that would mostly cover the airframe rather than the engines, rotors or the avoinies."

The helicopters, samples of which he exhibited at Paris "Le Bourget" international air show, should carn Jordan badly needed foreign currency and create jobs for Jordanians, the Jordan News Agency, Petra said.

Petra said the expertise and skilled manpower available at Jordan's four universities and the Royal Scientific Society would be employed in the manufacture of the new helicopters.
The JTG, a private sharehold-

ing company, was established in 1988 to make use of Jordan's comparative advantage of lowcost, high-skilled labour.

According to Qassem, since Schweizer's own facilines in the U.S. are not large enough to produce quantities required by the market, the company looked to Jordan for such a joint venture, especially in view of the Kingdom's developed infrastructure and bigh-skilled labour.

ITG's very first project involved local assembly of personal the work would be done in Jor- computers and its next project is expected to be in the agriculture



Veteran nurses, midwives

honoured Tuesday for their long services to the Kingdom at a

special ceremony. Her Majesty Queen Noor attended the ceremony and presented gifts and awards to the veterans who have spent at least 25 years in the profession. The Queen received from the president of the Jordanian Nurses Association (JNA) a token gift in recognition of her support and encouragement for nurses and the nursing profession in Jordan.

AMMAN (Petra) - The Minis-

try of Agriculture has drawn up

plans for foresting reginns from

Um Qais in the north to Tafilch

heights in the south, employing

modern technique and selecting

forest and fruit trees that are

suitable for Jordan's climate,

according to Minister of Agricul-

The ministry will also embark

on extensive planting vegetable

fodder in the eastern and south-

ern regions of the country to

make available sufficient animal

feed to help increase livestock to

provide lean meat and milk which

are in constant and growing dc-

mand, and to reduce Jordan's

imports of these commodities,

the minister said during an in-

spection tour of agricultural pro-

ture Adnan Badran.

Ministry of Agriculture

draws up foresting plan

Health Minister Zuhair Malhas, who attended the cere-

Despite the increasing number of graduates, Jordan is still short of sufficient number of nurses

Badran said that the Ministry

of Agriculture wants to change its

name to agricultural production

ministry, since the focus of its

task is increasing food production

projects in the Balga region, the

minister said that the ministry

would soon lay down a clear

agricultural policy to help Jorda-

nian farmers counter competition

The minister referred to the

agricultural cropping pattern

adopted in the Jordan Valley,

and said new ideas would be

introduced designed to open new

markets abroad for Jordan's pro-

ducts, and further measures

would be taken to process surplus

crops. Jordan's crops will con-

Following a tour of agricultural

in the country.

on foreign markets.

employed in the country are non-Jordanian, he added.

meet the Kingdom's needs.

Aqaba **bypass**

AQABA (J.T.) - Minister of Public Works and Housing Shafiq Zawaideh Tuesday progress of work on a 14-kilometre road linking Aqaba Port with Wadi Al Yitem bypassing the main high-

way to the port city.
The JD 6.5 million project entails building three bridges at crossroads. It is being carried out by a local construction firm with supervision from the Ministry of

Work on the project started in 1987 and according to Ministry of entered the final phase.

incoming or outgoing trucks will be able to avoid the congested roads in the port city, the officials

been financed through loans from the Kuwait Fuod for Economic and Social Development and the Saudi Development Fuod.

(ARA) President Bassam Qaqish said the project entails reorganising entries to the city and involves the removal of garages and workshops from their present location. Subsequently all trucks and large vehicles will be barred from entering the city. The new road will also contribute to ARA's effort of Cootemporary Japanese post-ers will be held in Amman from Monday, June 12, for one week at the Royal Cultural Centre (RCC), displaying a collection of seventy-five posters which won

high reputation in and out of

AMMAN (J.T.) — An exhibition

In a speech at a one-day semi-

nar at the Police Academy in

Amman, Malhas said: "What is

needed now is the imposition of

an extra fee on producing and

marketing of tobacco and heavier

and stricter penalries for tobacco

Working papers discussed at the seminar, organised by the Health Ministry and the Public

Security Department (PSD), co-

vered a variety of topics ranging

from the dangers of smoking for

pregnant mothers to the adverse

effect of smoking on socio-econo-

Malhas highlighted the health

hazards associated with smoking

and the adverse impact of the

of social life and economic activi-

ues and attacked advertisements

placed by tobacco manufacturers

"While the habit of smoking

UNIVERSITY EXHIBITIONS: Exhibi-

tions opened at the University of Jordan display-

ing the various activities of its departments are

drawing bundreds of visitors. The exhibitions.

which were opened Mnnday by University of

Jordan President Abdul Salam Al Majali, include

books, artistic works, military equipment, equip-

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Japan. Japanese posters have a long history. The first posters in Japan appeared hundreds of years ago as the means of official notices of the Shogunate or feudal lords. In time, the wellknown Ukiyo-E won popularity with the common ople, and Shibai-E (theatrical

Since the modernisation of Japan in the 19th century, posters

used as the posters of actors.

effective advertising media, but licacy to create modern Japanese with the development of mass media and the resultant emergence of newspaper and magazine advertisements and television commercials, posters were then

Japanese posters to go on display

gious books.

continues to decline at the rate of

one per cent in advanced nations,

the number of smokers is growing

at the rate of two per cent in the

these commercials and tempta-

tions that go with them," the minister said. "People of the de-

veloping world are facing more-

and-more the consequences of

developing world as a result of

In recent years, bowever, posters have been drawing growing attention again by young people in particular. In resistance to the modern civilisation and in oegation of the present-day mass media, the younger generation became attached to posters as a means of their communication. Ukiyo-E), among others, were These young Japanese began making posters by themselves

called the fading media.

and hanging their works instead of paintings in their rooms. The exquisite printing techni- and the modern printing tech-

posters. Though exquisite and beautiful, Japanese posters seem to lack dynamism. However, this is oot a major short-coming because these posters are bung mostly in stores or stations and

not on the streeets. Many Japaoese posters are symbolic because people prefer feeling over logic and thus seek aesthetic beauty even in posters. This reminds us of the fact that Western paintings are based on. three dimensioos whereas Japanese paintings are based on two dimensions and disregard perspective. lo all, modern Japaoese posters have been developed by combination of the traditional Japanese sensitivity

Anti-smoking seminar studies practical action AMMAN (J.T.) — Health Minis-ter Zuhair Malhas Tuesday called for practical measures to persuade people to give up smoking and to encourage tobacco grow-ers to plant other crops.

Her Majesty Queen Noor presents an award to a veteran nurse at a ceremony held Tuesday to bonour a group of 19 nurses and midwives for their

honoured for their services

AMMAN (J.T.) — A group of 19 female nurses and midwives was

mony, said in a speech that nursing was one of the most essential primary health services in the community. Malhas reviewed the development of the profession in the Kingdom and said nurses and midwives were now receiving training at six colleges, which turn out a total of 450 graduates annually, increasing to an expected 550 in the coming year.

and midwives, and at least 4,000 are needed to serve the country by the year 2000. Maihas said. Over the past six years, the number of nurses increased by 185 per cent while the number of midwives rose by 170 per cent. The total number of nurses today is 2,121, he said. Twenty five per cent of the rotal number of nurses

He expressed hope that hy the end of the century Jordan would have graduated enough nurses to

work in final phase

Public Works.

Public Works officials, work has Once the road is completed,

said. The 32-kilomette-long road has

Aqaba Region Authority

were used in great amounts as an que combined with Japanese de-nique. Three Maghreb masters — each impressive on his own

The choreography of this serpentine movement is beautiful a baller of forms against a mystic



'The Last Look' by Abdullah Ibn Antar of Algeria

see a full interaction between the artist and his work. He defies all that is static and fixed. His abstractions join his

figurations in a thrust that goes beyond the limitations of a frame. His larger canvases hang loosely without being stretched on a structural frame, allowing atectonic emancipation, giving the convulsed bodies total freedom. Small square canvases framed with black might well have been sedate as the form implies, yet because of his interior vehemence, neither shape nor colour seems to limit the violent thrust, nor the suave sensuality of the figurations. Colour is used in a symbolic way as in "Entry" where a suggestive red brushstroke is thrust up from the shape of a leg.

Kamel __ back ground

Kamel studied at the Ecole de

Paris, and he is, presently, pro-fessor of an at the School of Fine Arts in Tunis. He statted painting figuratively for some time and then assumed the metamorphosis of forms, transforming them, making them lose their identity. float wihtin or without a given space, creating tension among themselves. The background plays an important role in his works. Layers of paint are superimposed allowing striations and

lacerations to show through. Large transparent brushstrokes done in a haphazard "come-andgo" movement allow you to see the lower layer of paint, while other areas are opaquely covered and yet others are totally detached. This is a result of Kamel's

past experimentations with collage, gluing and tearing out stuck areas leaving torn remnants.

and white play an important part in giving some closed shapes a sort of three-dimensionality very micb like Arshile Gorky's. Lines done in pencil fly in and out among his shapes, rarely assuming a geometric shape. He draws these with his left hand to assure a liberated gesture, a controlled hazard. Using line, patches and gesture he works on the surface until he reaches an equilibrium accepted by himself as the only aesthetic requirement with no prior study or composition. This method of work reminds us of many modern masters who build as they go, among them Esteve. There is always a pull, tension,

hence his lacerated edges. Black

kind of unstudied spontaneity that is the reason why he paints. The exhibition of these three

Arab masters will go on until

Symposium reviews **ACC** economic ties

opened here Tuesday on scopes economic cooperation among the four founding states of the Arah Cooperatioo Council (ACC) — Jordan, Iraq, Egypi and North Yemen.

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Addressing the gathering, organised by the Economic and Social Commission of Western Asia (ESCWA), and attended by movement of labour force." Arab politicians and economists, ESCWA Secretary General Tayseer Abdul Jaber stressed the need for utilising the experiences of inter-Arab coordination and cooperation and the Arab economie integration in charring the way for ACC cooperation. Such experiences, Abdul Jaber said, ised countries.

AMMAN (J.T.) - A symposium will do away with repetition of past mistakes and will contribute to accelerating economic achievements. He noted that there were positive aspects of cooperation within the framework of the Arab League. "which can be clearly reflected in the establishment of specialised organisations and financial institutions, setting up Arah investment projects and

Abdul Jaber pointed out that the best method for activating the roles of Arab cooperation blocs, including the ACC, was to coordinate economic policies and steer clear from theoretical approaches and to avoid emulating the experiences of industrial-

NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

SUDAN'S APPRECIATION: The Sudanese minister of social welfare and reflef has voiced his government's appreciation to Jordan for its support of Sudan, which is channelled through the Jordanian National Committee for Solidarity with Sudan, chaired by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassao. The appreciation was cootained in a letter addressed to the rapporteur of the committee (Petra).

PREACHERS GRADUATE: The Islamic Science College, which is operated by the Ministry of Awgaf and Islamic Affairs, Tuesday turned out 56 graduates in preaching at mosques and reciting the Koran. The graduation ceremony was attended by Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Abdul Aziz Al Kbayyat, who made a speech underlining the important role of preachers in providing spiritual guidance_

INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT: Jordan will take part Saturday in meetings of the Arab Company for Industrial Investment's general assembly, which will discuss the company's activities during the year 1988 and its current budget and last year's final accounts. Taking part in the meetings will ber representatives of Jordan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia,

Kuwait, Libya, Qarar, North Yemen, Tunisia and Morocco (Petra). IJLTC MEETING: The board of directors of the Iraq-Jordanian Land Transport Company (IILTC) opened a meeting here Tuesday to discuss financial and administrative affairs of the company and its operations for 1989. The meeting will prepare a final report to be submitted to the company's general assembly meeting which will convene here Wednesday (Petra).

NEUROSCIENCES SOCIETY: The general assembly of the Jordan Neurosciences Society Tuesday clected a new administrative committee beaded by Dr. Ishaq Maraqa. The committee includes Dr. Maurice Dahadalah as vice chairman, Dr. Yousef Ureigat as secretary, Dr. Hussein Rushid as treasurer, Dr. Ibrahim Subeih as rapporteur of the scientific committee, Dr. Nasri Khouri as rapporteur of the social committee and Dr. Jihad Barghouthi as rapporteur of the information committee (Petra).

JERUSALEM. COMMITTEE: A Royal Decree has been issued appointing Culture and Information Minister Nasouh Majali as a member in the Royal Commission for Jerusalem Affairs (Petra).

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

An archaeological exhibition entitled "The Treasures of Hasma Desert" at the Department of Antiquities Registration Centre. An art exhibition by three North African artists at Abdul

Hamid Shoman Foundation. An art exhibition by Ahmad Abu Othman at the Housing Bank

An exhibition by French artist "Olivier Mutillod" at the French Cultural Centre. An art exhibition by Jordanian and Arab artists at Al Wasiti

* An art exhibition by Nihad Qutaishat at Ai Quds (Jerusalem)

☆ An art exhibition entitled "Tents and Stones" by Samia Al

Zaru at Alia Art Gallery. An art exhibition entitled "Study in Line and Colour" by Dodi Tabaa at the Petra Bank Art Gallery.

An exhibition of paintings by mentally handicapped children at Nazek Al Hariri Special Education Centre. ☆ The annual flower exhibition of YWCA at the Jordan Intercon-

FILM

A French film entitled "Femmes de Personne" at the French Cultural Centre.

tinue to find their way to the jects in the Balqa region. Europeao Common Market., and Olive, pine and pistachio trees will be grown in the highlands. the Gulf countries, Badran **Nine receive FCE**

from British Council AMMAN (J.T.) — Amman British Council Representative Miles Roddis Tuesday presented the University of Cambridge's First Certificate in English (FCE) to Awad — received grade A. Mr. Antony Jones, director of studies at the British Council in Amman.

cil Teaching Centre. It was the second time the FCE had been taken in the Kingdnm; the results of the December 89 exam have been very encouraging, the council said in a state-

By Nelly Lama

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — An exhibition of

abstract art done by three world-

renowned artists from the Arab

Maghreb is on at the Abdul

Hamid Shoman Foundation until

June 10. Organised jointly by the

foundation and the Department

of Modern Art of the Paris-based

Institut du Monde Arabe, the

exhibition includes the works of

Abdullah Ibn Antar of Algeria,

Mohammad Kacimi from Moroc-

co and Rafik Al Kamel from

It is imperative to realise that

the aim of the Institut du Monde

Arabe is to introduce Arab art.

literature and culture as a whole.

to the French public, and cultural

exchange through the translation

of Arab books into French as well

as arranging for Arab artists to exhibit in France. That is why,

after the inauguration of the ex-

hibition under royal patronage.

Jordanian artists introduced their

works to the institute head, Ibra-

him Ihn Al Hussein Al Alawi

through slides as well as personal

'Benanteur' --- poliptychs

Ibn Antar, better known in

France as "Benanteur", studied

in the 'Ecole des Beaux Arts of

What strikes us most in bis

work is the superimposed hori-

zontal patches of very intense

colours that makeup, in a mosaic

sort of way, geological formations

of monumental cliffs, where side

crevices and repeated folds of the

stone enhance the verticality, and

therefore the strength of the

His works are all poliptychs,

i.e. formed with more than one

Oran and now lives in Paris.

interpretation.

ment, Two students - Ghassan Tayset Wahbeh and Fayez Abu commented: "The results were very satisfactory and we hope to continue the success in the June 1989 exam." The British Council has a long tradition of involvement and cooperation with Jorda-

"Cliffs" is a monumental dip-

tych where dark parches encircle

the intensely coloured cliffs let-

ting the viewer feel that he is

looking on from a cave. Blue-

green transparencies below,

maintaining the forms of the

rocks with longer borizontal

brushstrokes interspersed with-

red, give them the feel of being

immersed in water. It is impera-

tive to note that these are mere

impressions, for the diptych is a

marvellous abstraction that has

not let go of the rules and

ART REVIEW

"The Last Look" is a predomi-

nantly green triptych resuming

tion encircled, this time, by a hazy area rather than patches. In

the centre, tiny brushstrokes bend towards figuration; one

seems to locate hoards of people

within an unrealistic landscape.

some sec them as hatallions set-

ting camp, the idea might be a

result of the repeated rhythms

that drum throughout the whole

central area. Movement is added

by "rays" of lemon yellow dry brushstrokes, or small sharp di-

agonals formed between two

tion?), a triptych depicting a

rocky landscape painted in the

manneristic combination of pink

and vellow, conveys a rather mys-

ric environment. Blue circular

patches, like comets, enter the

right hand corner of the right

panel, they are repeated in an

upward curving movement, leave

the canvas and re-enter the cen-

tral panel and resume their des-

cent futuristically (through the

repetition of forms) this time

looking more textured and solid

until one settles on the ground. In

'The Eighth Day" (of crea-

areas of colour.

the idea of a centralised composi-

beauties of creation.

nian education.

to reduce pollution. the third panel, small versions of this form seem to diminish into the distance, with a strong outburst in the upper part (the sky?).

background. Kacimi -- strong tempera-

ment Kacimi had exhibited his strong temperament when visiting Jordan to participate in the Islamic Art Education Conference. It is this temperament, this internal vehemence, that comes out in his paintings finding many passionate admirers among the Jordanian

His paintings are rendered predominantly in black, gray and white, highlighted at intervals with blue and ochre rarely filling

a form or part of it. Strong energy radiates in an upward thrust while squiggles and doodles appear intermittently as if to enhance the kinetic rhythm. These often adopt the character of a "liberated" calligraphy or of cosmic manifestations plummeting along with the dlagonal thrust. Flippant brushstrokes are juxtaposed on the fluid outline of a female figure rendered in varied thicknesses.

Forms hulge or recede through his intensive use of chiaro-scuro. which is not always relevant to the volume of the bodies depicted, for they seem realistic at points but soon disappear into the fugue of the background.

Kacimi's overall dry and thick texture is obtained by the artist's own preparation of mixed media: coloured pigment mixed with glue, powder and acrylics. The artist use his fingers, brushes, he dips a string in paint and flagellates the surface of the canvas with it, he uses cardboard etc. as an extension to his hands; we

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Blood in Tiananmen Square

IT TOOK only a few hours earlier this week for the Chinese. leadership to demolish decades of painstaking image huilding for the most populous country of the world. Whoever was behind the order to the army to smash into prodemocracy protesters and wrest control of Peking's central square from them at any cost did irreparable damage to China, simply hecause those who fell in the anslaught and those who fired the shots and drove the vehicles of death shared one thing - a common Chinese identity.

It is not strange that the carnage in the street of Peking has led to splits within the ranks of the toughly-disciplined Chinese army. The report of a Chinese woman raising clinched fists and chanting democracy slogans while her husband, a soldier, watched from the other side of the barricade, tells the whole stnry.

Many liberation movements in the Third World have looked up to China for moral support, which Peking was always ready to extend. One is reminded of a strong conviction among intellectual circles that China is one of the few countries which have remained steadfast among the international community in extending unreserved, selfless support for every struggle for freedom and dignity. The picture was indeed tarnished this week.

Coming at a time when China was slowly shedding its image of totalitarian communist superpower and edging to consolidate its leading voice on the global stage, the brutal violence in Peking has shocked international consciences as reflected in the horrified reaction it drew from every part of the globe, whether in the form of sanctions, boycotts or mere condemnations.

Notwithstanding the argument that whatever happened, and is happening, at Tiananmen Square and other parts of the Chinese capital as well as in the provinces is strictly an internal Chinese affair, there can be no justification for the hrutal assaulten unarmed student-led protesters who were demanding their fundamental right to have a say in determining their future. Some of those who wield power in China appear not have taken note of the winds of change sweeping around the world, whether in the Soviet Union and Poland or the Philippines and Panama. If anything, they appeared to have been deaf to the cries for moderation and dialogue from their own colleagues.

It may be premature yet to judge whether hardline or moderation will gain the upper hand in the Chinese stand-off --- with reports of an army mntiny and continued military assaults on people, who, in turn, are as defiant as ever if not more. However, one thing is clear: the country has taken a dramatic turn. The course of events in the next few days should determine the immediate future of the 1.1 hillion Chinese - whether their leaders would not for an isolated China in its nwn world hy seeing through their suppression of the popular revolt or to accept the inevitability of change demanded hy the ynunger generation. The decision is theirs and theirs alone, but the Chinese nation, and the international community at large will never forget the hloodstains in Tiananmen Square.

JORDAN PRESS EDITORIALS

HIS MAJESTY King Hussein's message to the country on the anniversary of the 1967 Arab-Israeli war was the subject of the Al Ra'i Arabic daily editorial on Tuesday. In his message the King urges all Jordanians to constructively fight despair and dissent hy working towards development and production. The editorial supported the King's call for a concerted effort to fight defeatism. which recently plagued the country, as it undermines progress and development. In his message the King reminded all citizens that they must ask what they could do for their country when they ask what the country can do for them.

The hrutal crushing of the student revolt in China was described hy Al Ra'i columnist Abdul Rahim Omar as a catastrophe. He wrote that it was both strange and shocking that both the leaders and the armed forces of China should take such drastic actions against their own people. While admiring China's many achievements in science, technology and culture, the columnist questioned the wisdom of the actions taken against the student protestors, particularly in light of the model role that China, as an Asian nation, plays in the developing world.

Al Dustour daily commented Tuesday on the message His Majesty King Hussein delivered to the country on the occasion of the 22nd anniversary of the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The paper said that under the leadership of King Hussein, Jordan had done its utmost to support the Palestinian people in their quest to regain their homeland. The paper also noted that Jordan had kept the spirit of the Great Arab Revolt in its defence of the rights of the Palestinian people in Palestine, in its support of Iraq in the face of Iranian aggression as well as its continuous efforts to strengthen Arah unity. The paper stressed that Jordan had recently achieved a great success in its pan-Arab efforts through its active participation and membership in the newly formed Arab Cooperation Council.

Peking carnage — a major blow to Hong Kong, calm urged

By Chris Peterson

HONG KONG — The carnage in Peking and continuing violence on its streets have dealt a major blow to the future stability of Hong Kong, due to revert to Chinese rule in 1997, analysts and diplomats said Monday.

The British colony's stock market suffered its most dramatic slump since the global crash of 1987 and people queued to withdraw money from banks with links to China.

In a rare display of public unity, legislators and members of governor Sir David Wilson's advisory executive council issued a statement of outrage at events in China and called for calm in Hong Kong.
"We in Hong Kong, no matter

how angry we are, must put all our energies into preserving the separateness of our system... our future depends on the maintenance of our existing system and our continued stability," said the

on the Hong Kong stock exchange, secretary for monetary

you are in stocks and shares, stay there, you are certainly not going to get a reasonable value for your shares just now."

But his words fell on deaf ears as panicky investors sent the stock market's Hang Seng index of blue chip companies on a dizzying slide that saw it lose 581.77 points, or 21.74 per cent, at the day's end.

"I'm afraid what's happening in Peking can only be seen as a major blow to Hong Kong hopes for stability. With that kind of behaviour you can hardly hope for the Chinese people here to have confidence for future prosperity under Peking's rule after 1997. I know I'd be worried," said a Western diplomat.

Governor Wilson invited Xu Jiatun, director of the Hong Kong branch of the New China News Agency and Peking's highest representative in the colony, to his official residence on

Wilson passed on the deep con-At the start of the day's trading cern of Hong Kong Chinese over the events in Peking.

A government spokesman said

The governor also asked for

authorities in ensuring the safety of Hong Kong residents now in Peking.

The spokesman said the Hong Kong government had arranged a special flight to to Peking collect students, journalists and other Hong Kong residents who wish to return home.

Bob Broadfoot, of the private political and economic risk consultancy, said: "What is happening in Peking has simply crystalised the concern already felt that Hong Kong will be in a very vulnerable position. The people I have spoken to are very pessimistic. I have had Hong Kong businessmen say to me quite bluntly in the past 24 hours 'Hong Kong has had it."

He added: "There is now no commerce whatsoever into China. Joint ventures, investment, all that has ground to a halt. They've all turned their backs on China.

'Anger is only part of it — I think there is a deep revulsion at what is going on in China, and they want no part of it," he

affairs David Nendick said: "if the co-operation of the Chinese advisers met during the day to discuss the China crisis, which has sparked a string of street demonstrations in Hong Kong in which angry residents have vented their grief outside the offices of the New China news agency, Pekme's de facto consulate.

> The only topic of conversation among most of Hong Kong's six million Chinese has been the violent suppression by China's army of the seven-week pro-democracy demonstrations in Tiananmen

Many reacted with tears and frustration as television and radio stations and the colony's 42 Chinese language newspapers churhed out the news from

"I am ashamed. I am Chinese. what are these people in Peking doing?" asked a middle-aged civil servant waiting in line for a

"My heart is crying for the Chinese people. But what can we do? Hong Kong is being handed hack. You think I am happy?" said a 23-year-old Chinese secretary called Linda as she queued to ndded. get off the jet foil that runs
The governor and his senior between Hong Kong and the

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Rebei with a cause

of Macau.

Taxi driver Wu Fang was more pragmatic: "Now you can see why we don't trust the commanists. That's why I came here in 1957 and that's why I'm getting out before 1997. I'm not a businessman, I have family."

nearby Portuguese-run territory . Trade unions-are going ahead with plans for a general strike Wednesday, Hong, Kong's first since the 1920s.

Although commercial life in the colony ground to a near standstill during street rioting provoked by China's cultural revolution in 1967, there was no concerted general strike gall.

Khomeini death unlikely to better U.S.-Iran ties soon

By Steve Holland

WASHINGTON — The death of Avatollah Khomeini raised hopes on Sunday for an eventual improvement in U.S.-Iran ties, but U.S. officials and analysts foresaw no change soon in relations that have been hostile for 10

U.S. officials were clearly hopeful that the passing of the man who called the United States "the great satan" would mark the end of a turbulent era for a country that at one time was a strong U.S. ally in a strategic

President George Bush, who signalled his desire for better relations with Iran in his inaugural speech, only to be rehuffed, said he hoped "Iran will now move toward assuming a recommunity.

Other officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, predicted a power struggle in Iran's new leadership and said they believed it would be some time before relations could be im-

"We've got such deep prob-lems between the U.S. and Iran and they're not going to go away overnight," said a U.S. State Department official, "Just because Khomeini is gone doesn't mean it's all washed under the

Many Americans considered the turbanned, bearded Islamic leader a symbol of supreme hatred who used terrorism and hostage-taking as a foreign policy tool to reject Western beliefs and

They held him responsible for the holding of 52 American hostages in Tehran for 444 days in sponsible role in the international 1979-81 as well as various acts of

violence and threats against Americans and U.S. interests in the name of his firehrand style of Islamic fundamentalism.

Gary Sick, an Iran expert who served on the Nanonal Security Council, said Khnmeini's death could actually lead to a shortterm upsurge in attacks on Western interests carried out by small factions who will not feel they have to answer to Iran's new

"I would expect more free-lance "terrorism," I think there may be more sporadic incidents, perhaps hijackings, perhaps bombings, but I don't see that as a threat basically to the political stability of the region.

"I don't see Iran in a major way setting out to export its revolution through terror. They simply don't have the resources to do that," Sick told U.S. televi-

It has always been the prospect



The late Ayatollah Ruholla

of "moderates" emerging in the Iran hierarchy that has kept U.S. hopes alive of an eventual im-

provement in relations with Iran.

Reagan administration officials

thought they were dealing with ry Kissinger said he has seen no the moderates in 1985 when they sold U.S. arms to Iran in hopes of gaining the release of U.S. hostages in Lebanon.

That plan backfired and one

such "moderate," Iranian Parlia-ment Speaker Hojjatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjam, recently called on Palestinians to kill Westerners for every Palestinian killed in the uprising in Israelioccupied lands, a remark he later said had been misreported.

U.S. officials are now loathe to refer to any one in Iran as a moderate, including President Ali Khamenei, named on Sunday to succeed Khomeini as Iran's. spiritual leader.

"It's erroneous to try to pin labels on people as moderates or liberals," said one official. "He (Khamenei) was one of the inner circle around Khomeini. He's got to be as extreme as Khomeini."

another leader on the scale of a Khomeini. "I find it hard to believe that a carbon copy of the Ayatoliah could emerge," he told U.S. tele-

sign of any moderates but be-

lieves Iran is unlikely to have

"But at this point it looks as if the fundamentalists are not going to be easy to dislodge, and it is not easy to determine the forces

that would disloge them." -All this would not seem to bode well for the nine Americans still held hostage by pro-Iranian

fundamentalists in Lebanon. "I don't expect any major changes in the immediate future," said George Nader, editor of Middle East Insight Magazine." I feel there are more urgent and serious matters that Iranians will have to adjust to and

live with and deal with before the issue of hostages. Former Secretary of State Hen-

Tight budget slows projects of agency involved in Star Wars

By Barton Reppert The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A government agency guiding space-based missile defence research faces a second year of reduced funding, forcing a slowdown in research projects ranging from optical computers to high-power microvave weapons.

The Defence Department agency, the office of Innovative Science and Technology (IST), served as a lighting rod for critic-ism of "Star Wars" strategic defence initiative shortly after it was launched several years ago.

It's activities continue to draw both criticism and qualified support among the civilian scientific community.

Funding for the small agency peaked at \$106 million in fiscal 1988 but was cut to \$76 million this fiscal year. Tentative plans call for a slight increase, to \$80 million, in the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1.

If that plan holds, ist director Dwight Duston said, "we'll proh-ably have to make some severe decisions. It's going to certainly dampen the programme." Duston said he was told his

agency's spending was being virtually frozen because of competing priorities and overall fiscal constraints.

For the entire SDI programme, President George Bush's administration has requested \$4.6 hillion in fiscal 1990, up from \$4.1 hillion this fiscal year hut considerably below the \$5.9 hillion recommended by former President Ronald Reagan before he left office.

Critics of IST contend it has taken a highly idiosyncratic approach to funding research projects, without adequate scien-

tific peer review. They also complain the agency has sought to polish SDI's image hy getting university researchers involved with the programme and that it has oversold the potential for civilian spinoffs from SDI research.

Rosy Nimroody, a national

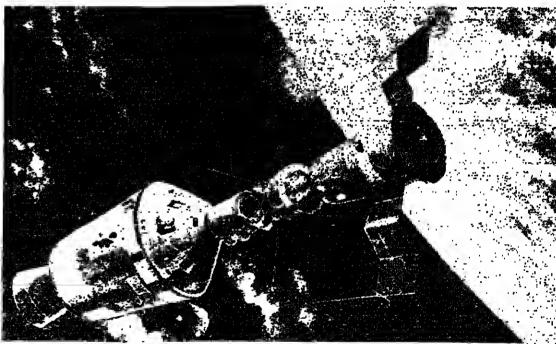
security analyst with the Council on Economic Priorities, a New York-based organisation that has issued several reports critical of Star Wars, said the IST programme "was definitely oversold."

"I think there still remains an effort to get as many people as possible, so they can go around and say we have X number of universities involved in SDI," she

IST supporters, however,

tive projects which compare well with the scientific output of other Pentagon-sponsored lahor-

"My own assessment is that within SDI, I think that a programme like (IST) is very important and is in many ways the highest-quality and most promis-ing part of the entire programsaid Ashton Carter, acting director of the Centre for Science



argue the programme has been and International Affairs at Harsuccessful in promoting innova-

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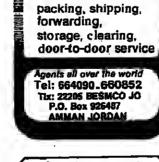
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N'Celtic triangle' entraps many a trawler

LONDON - On a calm late spring day, Captain Jeff Cumber spread his nets on the Irish sea. Moments later, his trawler was snatched from below and dragged backwards through the murky watrs at breaknock speed. Cumber was the latest victim of

what worried fishermen have dubbed the "Celtic triangle." Many other skippers have shared his fate in the last 10 years while up to 20 vessels have sunk without trace, often in calm seas and with no Mayday signal.

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ing stree is "There's a monstrous products in mysterious circles there is disappeared in mysterious circles but it's got much worse," Northern Ireland Fishermen's Association Chairman Dick James told reporters.

James and Cumber, backed by politicians, fear and all too earthexplanation for the goings-on in that corridor between the northern English and Irish coasts - submarines.

Prawn and lobster share the deep, rich grounds with these more menacing creatures, sweeping south from Scotland's Faslane naval base. The giant "tin fish," they say, can too easily snag the nets of unwitting fishermen.

"Suhmarines use that deepwater trench from Faslane like a motorway. We can't prove anyone has been killed by a sub, but if they haven't it's certainly going to happen one day," James said.

The problem has increased since, in the 1970s, the British navy began sending more submarines south along the "motorway" -rather- than dispatching them to northern seas.

Unexpected underwater rocks or freak storms are always a danger in a dangerous profession, James said. But worried fishermen believe the reasons for these losses must run deeper.

U.K., U.S. coverap?

British and U.S. navy officials deny any serious problem and insist they take all precautions to avoid trawlers. Bernard Moffatt, secretary of the Celtic league, which campaigns against military exercises, disagrees. He says more than 100 seamen may have been killed in incidents marines and accuses the United States and Britain of a cover-up.

"These incidents keep occurring near submarine exercise areas. The last one, a Belgian trawier, sank shortly after sending a message saying 'weather beautiful, seas calm.' What's going on out there" Moffatt

Besides 20 disappearances, he logs 32 "close encounters," in which ships' nets have been snagged and trawlers rammed.

Captain Cumber, speaking hy radio from his trawler "Laurel, recalled the day he netted a U.S. submarine instead of the giant

rawns he was expecting.

At first you wonder what ever can be bappening. You grow up fighting storms and winds, but when you're being dragged along like that, you're helpless," he

Cumber, head of the isle of man fisherman's association, saved his trawler after 20 minutes hy cutting the nets. But he captured the "one that got away" on camera when it surfaced.

The U.S. navy agreed to pay compensation to the crew and ownes for the incident, as they have in three other cases. Britain has admitted 12 and France seven

ases of net snagging.
But the navy denies Celtic league charges that the Belgian trawler Ullenspiegel, which sank on a calm sunny day in March, may have been dragged to its doom by a submarine. "It's just too shallow for a sub there," one naval expert said

Cumber said that after his narrow scrape he was taking the danger of submarines as seriously as the Irish. But he feels the problems of the last 10 years may

have more than one cause. With taxes on the size of vessels, he said, some trawlers are 9.4 too small to take the equipment. loaded onto them. "Some are just overloaded, and I think this could explain a few of the mysteries." vay certi Fasiane has installed a telephone 'hotline" for fishermen who think they have netted one of her majesty's submarines. But, James said, most complaints are answered with an "almost automatic reply that there's nothing in



Lisbeth Palme

art dimension

By Helene Bourdon

NEW YORK --- For Darcy Gerbarg, computer art still means paint and canvas, but for the past 10 years she has pioneered the use of computers by artists.

The large, abstract paintings decorating her modern living room show little sign of having being born on a computer screen, unless maybe one focuses on the great intricacy of the shapes.

"I am much more interested in art than computers." she points out from the start. "The computer is just another tool; it's my sketch pad... (At first) I was curious to see what technology was available for my generation of artists: I knew about electronic music, and I knew that something had to be available for artists.

"About 1979," she recalls, "at the time when the first computer paint system was developed, the system i used at a research lah cost \$5 million."

The equipment she has in her New York studio, including several computers and a video recorder, cost about \$60,000. she says, but along the years she has been able to use systems put

at her disposal by companies, and she even had software programmes written for her. At the same time she was developing a com-puter art course at the New York School of Visual Arts.

Her technique consists in "painting" the picture in full colour on her computer system, which has a film recorder hooked up to it. It enables her to put the image on a slide, and she then projects the slide to determine the size she wants for the painting. "A smaller scale does not give you the feeling I like to have in my environment," she says. Unhappy with the bmitations

of plotters and other mechanical modes of transferring to paper or canvas the computer image she creates, she resorts to manual handling: Once she has decided on the size of the canvas, she projects the slide onto it and traces it. Then, after mixing the colours she enlists the help of two assistants to airbrush the design. "Every colour area has to be masked," she explains. "With all these thin lines and jagged edges it takes me a month to do one painting" of about 60-inch by

Using a computer "allows me to work in a non-physical medium of coloured light, without being constrained by drawing time," she says, "If I want to erase or change a colour, I can; I can change the scale, create different parts and put them together later; all the constraints you have in a traditional medium — gravity, toxicity - you don't have in a computer medium. You can explore many more ideas... For the creative process this is the most exciting (system)," but she adds, computers don't create art, artists

"In the end the only thing that matters is the quality of the art," she explains. "My feeling is that the more the computer can do for you, the better; I would be surprised if during our lifetime they (scientists) were able to develop computers with the variety of intelligence and skills that people have, but if they can that's great, because it means that we can use that (ability) and go further."

"Young people have jumped for this technology so quickly!" she exclaims. "It bas stimulated the brightest, which says a lot about its future.



starry nights

on clear nights the sky seems to sparkle, especially in the tropics. According to a group of United States scientists, apart from stars, the heavens are studded with diamonds - hillions of them.

The gems are floating around in theddehris of interstellar Space, says a team of University of Chicago researchers. This claim is based on the analyses of samples from two meteorites which fell to Earth in the late 1960s - one in Australia and the other in Mexico.

When fragments of the meteorites were soaked in hydrochloric acid, their rock components dissolved but not the few milligrammes of diamonds that they also con-

The scientists are convinced that the meteorite material did not come from our own solar system but from somewhere

among more distant stars. However, even the results of the Chicago investigation are unlikely to allay fears among those concerned about the prospect of the Earth being struck by a sizeable meteorite One such asteroid recently passed within \$00,000 kilometres of us on its latest orbit - a close encounter in

astronomers, it is about 800 metres in disameter - and hurtles through Space at a speed of 74,000 kilometres per hour. Inevitably, scientists add somewhat disconcertingly, sooner or later it will collide

Moon or Mars. More reassuringly, they say that these phenomena occur only once in every 40 million years or so. Nevertheless, it would be prudent not to discount such an eventuality.

either with our planet, the

Were 1989-FC to collide with the Earth, the chances are that it would land in the sea as the oceans comprise just over 70 per cent of our planet's surface. The force of the im-

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pact would create waves several hundred metres high these could cause flooding on a catastrophic scale.
But should it hit a landmass,

the effect would be similar to that of an enormous nuclear explosion. The crater would be up to 16 kilometres wide and at least 1.6 kilometres

Meanwhile, there is further disquieting news for those of a more nervous disposition. Radiation from a mysterious source in the centre of our galaxy, the Milky Way, has recently reappeared.

These distinctive gamma rays were first detected in the 1970s, but disappeared in the early years of this decade.

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RUNNING MAN

Campaigning against apartheid

A year after his death, Lisbeth Palme continues in the footsteps of her murdered husband, Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme

By Victoria Brittain

ANXIOUS officials pinning up a row of children's drawings from Mozamhique showing people lying dead in heaps, women being cut open, small children running off the page, are the hallmarks of any international conference where Mrs. Lisbeth Palme is to speak. Behind the ultra-retiring manner of the very unofficial former First Lady of Sweden there is n Mrs. Palme officials still jump to please.

The effects of apartheid, particularly on children, are the main theme of all Lisbeth Palme's work and the driving force behind it is, as she puts it herself, the desire to continue ber late husband, Olof Palme's work. "It is degrading for all humanity that there is a place in the world where racism is imposed by law and it is a double disaster that we have not only apartheid but also the wars and destabilisation it has hrought, as in Mozambique," she says, in words that could have

After his death the former Swedish Prime Minister was awarded the Albert Einstein Peace Prize in the U.S. and the Jawaharlal Nehru Peace Prize in India for his contributions to many international issues. His

widow and her family chose to highlight one. They gave all the money to South African child victims of apartheid.

Twenty years ago the Palmes met Oliver Tambo, President of the African National Congress. "From then we always thought of him as the real leader of South. Africa," she says. And, on the platform of the Harare conference in 1987 which first highlighted the torture of children by the South African security forces. Tambo puts his arms around her and introduced her as "our dear sister, Lisbeth Palme."

Already in the early 1960s the young Swedish couple had come to know Julius Nyerere who, from hefore Tanzania's independence, was the African voice that Olof Palme believed in, she says, despite the influential voices of the British colonial experts who saw the future very differently. "My husband always weighed things very carefully and he knew what it meant to support Nye-

Shy and so intensely that she won't even say how many children she has, Mrs. Palme seems to have to force herself into the public arena. Her reluctance to meet journalists is legendary. However, her own training as a child psychologist fits neatly with

her responsibilities as the head of the important Swedish Committee for UNICEF which raises 10 per cent of the U.N. body's funds. That background also naturally involves her in the important Scandinavian programmes for the rehabilitation of the Mozamhican child victims of MNR kidnap-

For her, solidarity with Africa, which was Olof Palme's hallmark from the early days of his political career, is "part of a general poli-tical attitude, part of a person's social responsibility." She finds it hard to admit that in Sweden today as in the rest of Scandinavia the tide has turned somewhat against such solidarity and a younger generation is less in-terested, less idealistic and deeply affected by some of the failures and disappointments of the post-

colonial period.
For Lisbeth Palme, the Social Democrat ideals of her husband's party are still very much hers and one can sense they will never change. She starts many of her speeches with the story of a boy who grew up on a ruhhish dump, was the only survivor in his poverty-stricken family and yet grew up to be Sweden's Minister Finance for 21 years.

From a class society to a welfare state

"This was when our country changed from a class society to a welfare state; it was all such a short time ago and what it means is that it is possible to change poor countries. In Sweden we used to have 80 per cent of the Times.

country producing food and there was not enough, now we have 4 per cent producing food and we

have too much.' Much of Mrs. Palme's time is spent giving speeches throughout Sweden. Doggedly she will tramp the furthest district and

speak to audiences however

She is a member of the Swedish Peace Forum which works with both the labour movement and the Social Democrat Party on peace issues and particularly on

anti-nuclear campaigns.

We had six years of bourgeois government from 1976 to 1982 which brought us to economic crisis, we have to fight back against a whole trend of thinking. Privatisation is always threatening to encroach, there are always bourgeois communities trying private solutions for such things as child care — these people under-mine the communal solutions to problems.

But it is Southern Africa that she returns to again even in her discussions of European politics. "I've been inspired by some of the refugee women from Namibia I have met — from seeing 25 per cent of children die before the age of five they have managed to cut the infant mortality rate down to 70 in 1,000; women have been educated from scratch in the SWAPO camps. These things prove to me how change can come in a short time, much shorter than the whole lifetime it has taken for us in Sweden" - Arab

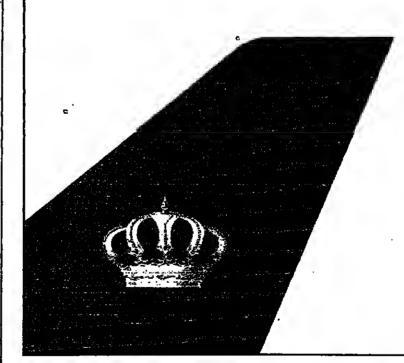
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housing construction

KUWAIT (R) — Kuwait dinar (\$185,000) long-term loan announced Tuesday it was prepart to purchase housing.

vate sector, in what officials say is the Housing Authority or com-

a general trend toward a freer bine it with their own money to

ior bousing services... and reduce while substantially cheaper, can waste from modifications after mean a wait of eight years before

Kuwait to shift

to private sector

ing to spin off some of its state-

run housing industry to the pri-

"In its desire to present super-

the owners receive their bouses...

the cabinet bas decided to begin

the required steps for imple-

mentation," a statement issued

after the weekly cabinet meeting

The statement, carried by the

Kuwaiti News Agency, (KUNA),

said the move was also aimed at

reducing the waiting period for

Officials say other steps are

planned, including the sale of

According to economists, the

government currently gives mar-ried Kuwaiti conples a 54,000

banks, businesses and other state-

economy.

new bomes.

owned assets.

OPEC falls in quota trap

VIENNA (Agencies) — A stalemate persisted Tuesday at OPEC talks in Vienna over a Kuwaiti, demand for a bigger share of the oil market, but delegates said fear of a new price war may yet stampede the group into a deal.

Ministers of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) are trying to set new output quotas.

If they can't agree, there could be a free-for-all and a glut like one last autumn that saw prices near \$10 a barrel, compared with an \$18 to \$20 range now which has been achieved largely through better OPEC supply dis-

*There will be a solution. Tomorrow, the day after tomorrow at the latest," said Iraqi Minister Issam Abdul Rahim Al

But Kuwait's Ali Al Khalifa Al Sabah told reporters there was no change in his position.

Conference sources say wants a Kuwaiti quota of 1.35 million barrels daily. That is a third more than at present and much more than he could get within a proposed limit of 20 million for total OPEC volume unless others among the 13 mem-

MADRID (R) — U.S. Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady Mon-

day urged commercial banks to

back his plan for reducing the dehts of Third World countries.

cial banks and the debtor coun-

tries to seize the opportunity," be

Brady was speaking at the

opening session of the Interna-tional Monetary Conference, a

three-day gathering in Madrid of top officers from nearly 100 inter-

national banks organised by the

American Bankers' Association.

mercial bankers, especially from

Europe, sceptical and some clear-

Brady said the new strategy

"It allows for diversity - debt

reduction, debt-service reduc-

tion, or new money. Banks that participate in debt reduction will

would serve their interests.

U.S. banks cut

interest to 11%

NEW YORK (R) — The leading

U.S. banks Monday cut their

benchmark prime interest rates

balf a point to 11 per cent, re-

sponding to signs of sluggishness

year-long rise in bank rates. The

rate cut was led by New York-

based Citibank and quickly fol-

lowed by Morgan Guaranty Trust Co., Chase Manbattan Bank.

Bankers Trust Co., Manufactur-

ers Hanover Corp. and Chicago-

based Continental Bank, All lo-

wered their rates to 11 per cent

from 11.5 per cent. Citibank gave

no reason for its move, but eco-

nomists bad expected banks to

lower interest rates after two re-

ports last week showing unex-

pectedly weak job growth in May

and lower expectations on the

economy among U.S. purchasing

managers. The data added to

evidence that the U.S. economy

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ly hostile to the idea.

But his remarks left many com-

Now is the time for commer-

The sources said OPEC beavyweight Saudi Arabia, backed by Iran, refuses to do that. It wants quota rises made on a strict pro rata basis' and also sees a risk to prices if the overall ceiling is set above 20 million barrels to help Knwait.

Another wealthy Gulf state, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), also wants a bigger-thanpercentage quota rise and, like Kuwait, is exceeding its present mandatory output limit.

Over the weekend a compromise package giving these two a bit extra was painstakingly cohhled together by OPEC's "wise men" mediators Rilwann Lukman of Nigeria who is the OPEC president, Secretary-General Subroto of Indonesia and ministers Ginanjar Kartasasmita of Indonesia and Celestino Armas of Venezuela.

They are now turning the heat on the Gulf producers by just bers conceded percentage market withdrawing from the hotel suite

cantly enhanced," he said.

led the speech a "catastrophe".

But one European banker cal-

He said be had come to be

convinced by Brady but had left

the session thoroughly opposed, "I can tell you for a fact that

some of us called our negotiators

over Mexico and gave them new

instructions not to give in," the

hanker said. "Before 1 was reluc-

tant (about debt reduction). Now

Mexico, the Third World's second largest debtor after Bra-

zil, is currently negotiating with

banks a package of measures

including a cut in the level of

the first test of the Brady plan,

launched three months ago as one

of the first initiatives of the new

It envisaged economic reform

Peking bas damaged China's im-

age among West European bank-

ers as a highly profitable lending

system, bankers and economists

say.
"It's too early to be definitive.

but the fact that China's image

A London banker who bas

belped arrange financing for Chi-

na summed up the opinion of

others canvassed by Reuters

when he said the situation in

China was confused and no early

conclusions about its credit

But be added: "It's difficult not

to be emotive about this. You see

pictures of kids being run over by

personnel carriers and you think, 'am I belping to sustain this'?"
"Last Friday China was a safe credit. The fundamentals haven't

really changed that much, despite

the ... eveents of the weekend."

adopted a much more open pro-

He said China bas recently

worthiness should be made.

bas been damaged is obvious,"

ist said.

be noted.

Those talks had been seen as

1 am bostile."

outstanding loans.

Bush administration.

Bankers doubt debt reduction plan

haggling for now.

Said one neutral delegate: "If OPEC were a Viennese opera you would say the conductor and the principal musicians bad walked away leaving the prima donnas to glare at each other. It's a rather tense intermission."

Armas pointedly talked of sightseeing. Kartasasmita flew off for a day to Geneva to meet Indonesian President Subarto

But a Gulf delegate said privately that although the situation looked rather grim he would be surprised if a deal did not emerge. since no one wanted prices to crash again.

The oil market tempered slightly, but not much, its earlier optimism on an OPEC agree-. ment. North Sea Brent blend crude oil, the international marker, eased five cents per barrel to \$18 for July loading.

But traders say any OPEC accord must at least curb the quota violations of Knwait and the UAE to hold prices np. Knwait may be the least unhap-

in debtor nations under surveill-

ance by the International Monet-

ary Fund (IMF), new loans and swapping debt for equity in industrial projects as well as formally cutting the Third World's \$1.3

But it was the debt reduction

part which became the focus of

attention and the central part of

said he failed to see why the

banks, not official institutions,

The Brady plan was more con-cerned with U.S. national secur-

ity considerations — the likeli-

bood of social unrest in Latin

America — than financial policy,

But the plan foresaw little

Unrest tarnishes China's image

more than guarantees for some

bond issues and no significantly

greater role for the IMF and the

LONDON (R) — The violent file in the financial arena with at the Union Bank of Switzerland crushing of student protests in several Chinese state bodies boring Zurich, said his bank estimated

rowing money in both the Euro-

bond and Asian money markets.

would strive to meet all payments

"If they miss out on one pay-ment, they'll know that they

won't get a penny more from the

A banker at a continental European bank said: "It's too

early to begin to consider what

the repercussions of the

weekend's events will be. But the

Chinese have a sense of bonour

over debts they've incurred -

they'll pay the British and the

Americans before they inter-

Figures from the Bank for In-

ternational Settlements — the

Basle-based central bankers'

bank - illustrate China's grow-

ing demand for Western funds.

The country's debt to major

Western banks rose to \$23.7 bil-

lion at the end of 1988 from

\$16.76 billion a year earlier.
Paul Hohl, first vice president

on foreign debt.

one London-based bank econom- West — and they can't afford ist said.

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Another senior banking official

Brady's remarks Monday.

should foot the bill.

he added.

trillion debt.

py about weaker crude oil prices nce it operates a huge world refining network and has its eye chiefly on "downstream" pump

Saudi Arabia, a traditional pricing "dove," now publicly advocates higher prices. Analysts say it probably needs cash and may also bope that, if each barrel earns more revenue, OPEC tensions over the volumes that each member can pump will abate. Quota-setting routinely causes

OPEC rows. The basic problem is that present quotas were arrived at haphazardly when, in the early 1980s, high prices killed demand for OPEC oil and its output slid from 30 to below 20 million barreis daily. Members just out back what they were pumping then, boping it was only a passing nightmare.

Former Saudi minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani tried in 1986 to get OPEC to agree a formal basis for quota allocation, with weightings for population, oil reserves and historic output.

But whatever way it was done, someone would have had to concede a loss of share. After three weeks, OPEC gave up.

Even now, UAE Minister
Mana Said Al Oteiba says his
quota is "allocated" not "offi-

Brady told the meeting: "It is a

simple truth that the cure for too

much debt is not the addition of

more debt ... it is to your business judgment that I appeal today in asking that you move abead."

Brady faced several sceptical

Sir Jeremy Morse, chairman of

Lloyds Bank PLC of Britain,

asked wby commercial banks

should bear the debt reduction

burden while loans by official

institutions would not be written

Brady said the question would

be better directed to the IMF and

World Bank but added: "It was

thought that their credits should

remain unimpaired as a matter of

Another questioner suggested that debt relief would encourage

other countries, such as Turkey

China's total foreign debt at ab-

out \$32 billion at the end of 1988.

affect its foreign debt, Hobl said.

been excellent up to now."

Their payment discipline bas

Managers in West Germany's

Enrobond market, which China

has tapped for funds several times

since starting with Eurobonds in 1985, said Peking was likely to bave difficulty raising fresh capit-al because of public shock over

Eurobonds are instruments de-

nominated in a European curren-

cy issued by states or firms out-

side the currency's home nation.

sion and press images of deaths of

demonstrators at the hands of

Chinese troops were likely to

linger in investors' memories.

hindering any new bonds issues.

to them on normal grounds," he

Otther bond dealers said prices

of Eurobonds issued by China

and Chinese state bodies bad

eased but there was no wide-

spread selling because of Peking's

Stock markets continue to

stide in Asia

Asian stock markets continued

to slide Tuesday after news of more unrest in China unnerved

investors, but only Taipei suf-

fered a repetition of the plunges

that rocked the bourses Monday.

good repayments record.

"People would probably object

One manager said the televi-

recent events.

It was too early to judge how

questions from his audience.

cial" and therefore not binding. Last November, however, OPEC mediators led by Lukman



Ali Khalifa Al Sabah

did broker a solution to an even thornier problem than that being tackled now - Iraq's refusal to obey any quota unless it got one as big as that of former Gulf war

IEA reports higher output, predicts rising demand

Meanwhile, according to estimates released Tuesday, OPEC nations lifted their oil production to 21 million barrels a day in May, the highest amount so far

The International Energy Agency (IEA) also predicted in its monthly oil market report that demand for the group's oil would rise in the second half of the year to about 20.85 million harrels a

Nicholas Brady

or Indonesia, not to keep up

payments in the hope of getting a reduction later.

Hong Kong's stock market, which saw a panicky 600-point or

22 per cent plunge Monday, finctuated wildly Tuesday and

edged up about 50 points but

"The market bas awash with

They included one that para-

rumours," said one local broker.

mount leader Deng Xiaoping bad

died and that Prime Minister Li

Peng, another bardline leader,

we still don't know what's bap-

pening in China," he said.

"I think people are gambling as

The Taiwan stock market

plunged for the second successive

day partly in response to the

Peking bloodshed. Brokers said investors were un-

certain about the long-term im-

pact of the military crackdown on

The weighted index fell 438.99

points, or 4.8 per cent to close at

8.681.55 points. Monday, it fell

455.44 points close to the max-

mum daily limit of five per cent. Tokyo's key Nikkei share index

edged down 5.07 points after

Investors looking for bargains

almost rescued the languishing

market, but uncertainty resulting

from unrest in China and the

weaker yen outweighed the

for D.B. Capital Markets (Asia),

said, "there was some buying

today, but there was no true

tirued to slide in heavy selling.

Singapore stock prices con-

strength in the market."

Takahide Furuhashi, analyst

dropping 210.34 Monday.

bad been shot.

the market.

selling in the days ahead.



Mana Said Al Oteiba

The agency had previously estimated demand at 20.4 million harrels a day.

The energy agency's report said OPEC production in May rose about 500,000 barrels from

April.

"This was primarily the result of higher production in Kuwait and Nigeria, partly offset by a small decline in Iranian and Ecuadorian production," it said.

The slippage in Ecuador's ontput, it said, was due to a landslide that damaged the country's main oil ripeline.

oil pipeline.
The report confirmed analysts' estimates of higher production by the OPEC nations in advance of the summer meeting.

Economy boosts Kohl

BONN (R) — The West German last year. economic powerhouse is surging forward, cutting the number of unemployed people and giving Chancellor Helmut Kohl's government a boost ahead of European Parliament and local gov-

increase this decade.

The economics ministry said

would seek to integrate the peseta within a six per cent fluctuation Spain, which joined the Euro-

pean Community in 1986, plans to take its first step in joining the EMS in September by including the peseta in the currency "bas-

bring down domestic inflation, currently running at a year on year rate of around 6.7 per cent.

Solchaga said the decision to join the EMS would cause some hardship in Spain. But Solchaga bas been one of the strongest

most reluctance to taking sterling fully inot the EMS, saying it will integrate into the exchange rate mechanism "when the time is right."

The Delors report envisages a phased move towards economic and monetary union for the 12member EC although it sets no timetable for a process which would culminate in a single cur-

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Spain to join EMS around middle of '90

MADRID (R) — Spain set a target date for full integration into the European Monetary System (EMS) Tuesday, saying it would join the exchange rate mechanism before July 1, 1990.

The exchange rate mechanism of semi-fixed exchange rates bolds its eight member currencies in tight fluctuation bands of 2.25 per cent, except for the Italian lira which is allowed to diverge by six per cent.

Finance Minister Carlos Solchaga told Renters that Spain band - like the Italian lira.

and monetary union in the Euro-

in principle by EC finance ministers who are recommending early implementation of work towards phase one, which urges full EMS membership by the four states not already in the exchange rate mechanism - Spain, Greece,

So far Britain bas shown the

The warning is given by: Mustafa Moham-

ket" that makes up the European Currency Unit (ECU).

Up to now Spain has said it would like full integration as soon as possible but the process could take time because of the need to

Solchaga said the July 1 deadline next year was planned to coincide with implementation of the first phase of the Delors committee report on economie

pean Community (EC). That report has been approved

Portugal and Britain.

advocates of monetary union.

To two Filippino nation-

ages that ensue.

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ernment elections this month.

Data released Tuesday showed growth in Enrope's largest economy rose three per cent in the first quarter of this year over the last quarter of 1988, a record

gross national product (GNP), the total value of goods and services plus income from overseas, was boosted by mild weather early this year as well as by growth abroad as West Germany's manufacturing industry notched up record sales for its high quality engineering pro-

Another batch of figures Tnesday showed the number of workers without jobs fell below two million for the first time in seven years. There were 1.95 million

obless in May, or 7.6 per cent of the workforce. Trade figures for April showed that in the first four months of. this year West Germany bad a trade surplus of 45.9 billion marks (\$23.2 billion), 32 per cent

· Economists say the latest data backed their forecasts that West Germany will see a record trade surplus of 140 billion marks (\$70 billion) this year compared with 128 hillion (\$64 billion) in 1988.

The couple can use the loan

A government-built bome,

Mohammad Al Sabah, a mem-

ber of the government's Higher

Planning Council, said that under

the new system individuals would

be allowed to choose from a

number of standardised bouses

extra features, but would have to

pay for these themselves, said Sabab. The new programme would initially be on an ex-

He estimated the value of gov-

ernment housing construction at

around 400 million dinars (\$1.4

primental basis.

billion) a year.

They would be free to add

built by private contractors.

either to huy a new bome built by

go to a private contractor.

Monday, Kohl predicted West German economie growth could hit four per cent this year, beating 1988's record for the decade of

Until his statement, official forecasts for 1989 bad been cautious, talking of growth at around three per cent. The booming economy bas be-

come an important weapon for Kohl in the battle to boost his centre-right government's popularity with voters now flirting with right-wing radicals or the opposi-tion Social Democrats.

"The four per cent growth pre-diction should be seen in the light of the elections be faces," said one economist. The Bonn coalition suffered

heavy losses to parties on the extreme right in two local elections this year. Kohl, who has been in power

since 1982, tried to revive his flagging fortunes through a cabinet resbuffle in April, naming new finance and defence minishigher than in the same period ters.

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Tuesday, June 6, 1989 Central Bank official rates

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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

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New drug may escape detection, IAAF says

MONTE CARLO (R) — A drug duplicating some of the effects of blood doping is now available on prescription in several countries, member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) said

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Blood doping, by which athletes enhance performance by removing blood, storing it and Sahah, 1 a man numenti 1 kg Said that a idividuals to choose a returning it shortly before com-petition to leave the body rich in oxygen-carrying red blood cells, is outlawed by the IOC. But no fool-proof test for the practice

choose in has yet been devised. Britain's Arnold Beckett told delegates on the second day of an international drugs symposium that Erythropoietin (EPO) had been approved as a prescription drug in some countries.

However, Sweden's Arne Ljungvist told reporters later the drug was extremely difficult to

EPO is presently used mainly in cases where kidney failure has led to severe anaemia. The drug increases the blood's capacity to

use oxygen. Canadian doctor Henry Mandin told delegates studies showed EPO lessened fatigue and in-

creased exercise capacity. "If asked if EPO is a possible substitute for blood doping the answer would, unfortunately,

have to be yes," he said. He said it was unlikely that EPO, which he said was similar to insulin, could be detected by testing.

In reply to a question from Beckett, Mandin said hypertension and blood clotting problems were possible consequences of using EPO but added that no significant side-effects had been

Nebiolo was at pains to stress what he called the IAAF's leading role in fighting doping abuse.
"We believe that in the last 30 years the IAAF has been leading the world in doping control," he

"In Seoul we had a very famous occasion. Many people have forgotten that in Seoul there were also nine other (doping disqualification) cases.

"It may be also that nobody remebers the name of those nine athletes. Johnson was very famous and so that case became the case of the year.'

Nebiolo and other officials dismissed elaims from Canadian Richard Pound, an Olympic committee vice-president, that the IAAF had deliberately avoided testing for certain banned substances at the 1987 Rome world championships.

Pound told the Canadian inquiry rumours were rife that there had been positive tests in Rome which had not been acted

He also said it was not credible that there had been no positive tests at the inaugural 1983 Helsinki world championships.

Sweden's Arne Ljungvist, chairman of both the symposiem's organising committee and the IAAF medical committee, said Pound's allegations were an attack on his professional in-

'It's disgraceful in my view," Ljunqvist said. "There was not one single positive case in Helsinki and only one in Rome.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

A CASE FOR A USELESS DISCARD

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Opening lead: Three of \(\nabla \) tract, South indulged in a bit of fancy discarding. But there was no reason to huy the illusion when the

reality was there for all to see. The auction was straightforward. North planned to issue a game invitating until South responded with spades 10 his Stayman inquiry. He then decided that his five-card suit merited a direct raise tn game-a questionable decision in view of his soft values.

West led his fourth-best heart. East won the ace and returned the suit. Declarer took his king and continued with the ten, discarding a club from dummy. Next, declarer led the king of trumps.

West grabbed the ace and, im-

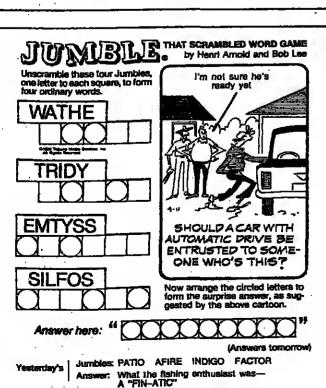
pressed by declarer's unseemly haste in taking a club discard, switched to the ten of clubs. Declarer won the king, drew the outstanding trumps and then discarded two of dummy's diamonds on high clubs. He was, therefore, able to ruff a diamond loser on the table, and ended up losing only one trick in each suit except clubs.

There was no good reason for West in be taken in by declarer's chicanery. His ace of diamonds would complete the book, so the defenders needed just one more clarer couldn't possibly get rid of two more clubs from dummy in a hurry, there was no need for the

desperation shift to a club.
West should first have cashed the ace of diamonds. If East had no help in that suit, be would furnish a low diamond and there was still plenty of time to shift to a club. But if East held the diamond king ...

THE BETTER HALF, By Harris HARRIS 11-24

"I'm trying a new recipe — turkey stuffed with diet pills!"



SPORTS IN BRIEF

China, Iran World Cup matches postponed

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP) — The World Cup qualifiers between China and Iran, scheduled for later this month, bave been postponed, according to FIFA, the world soccer body. A FIFA official, who declined to be identified, said Tuesday all the remaining matches in group 5 of the Asian section of the tournament would be played at a later date "because it is simply impossible to play soccer in China at the moment and Iran has declared a state-mourning period of 40 days" for Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini who died in Tehran Saturday. China had been scheduled to host a game against Iran June 11, with the away match scheduled for June 21. China was also due to play Thailand on June 28. No new date has been set for the matches because of the "delicate situation," said the spokesman. Iran currently heads the group. Bangladesh, the fourth member of the group, has played all its matches.

London possible Tyson fight site

LONDON (AP) — Heavyweight champion Mike Tyson might defend his title in London later this year, Britain's Press Association said Monday. The domestic news agency reported that American promoter Don King had approached British promoter Frank Warren about staging a Tyson bout in the new London docklands arena, in which Warren is a partner. The arena, which opened last March, holds 12,600 people for boxing and is the first modern sports hall huilt in England in some 50 years. Tyson retained his undisputed world title hy stopping Britain's Frank Bruno in Las Vegas earlier this year. But PA said King, who is handling Tyson's business affairs, sees the docklands arena as a suitable venue no matter who the champion fights.

Backer hoping for Cacoethes win

LONDON (R) - Race-horse Cacoethes and Elvis Presley can win a London backer £10,000 (\$15,600) for a five-pound (eight-dollar) het. All Cacoethes has to do is win Wednesday's Epsom Derby, the premier English classic borse race. All Presley. who died 12 years ago, has to do is be seen alive before the 1990 Derby. Cacoethes used to be called our friend Elvis until he was sold. His new name is Greek for an "itch to do something madvisable." Accordingly, the London hacker coupled a bet on Cacoethes at 3-I with a Presley sighting at 500-1.

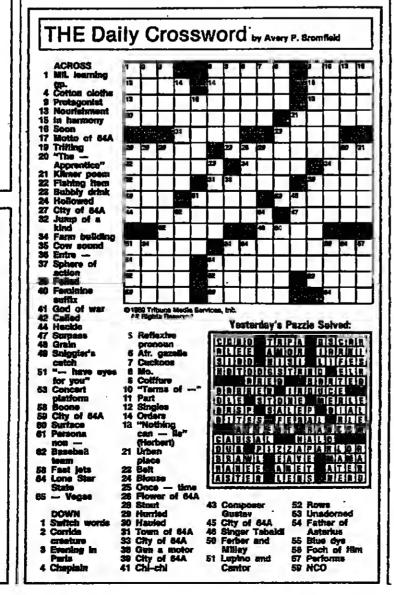
Denver council approve indy racing plan

DENVER (AP) - Denver City Connail members voted early Tuesday to approve Andy Shelenker's Denver Grand Prix plan to hring Indy-car racing to downtown Denver. Shortly before 1:30 a.m., council members approved Shelenker's proposal for the championship auto racing teams-sanctioned event on a 9-2 vote, with two members absent. "We will be taking some risks... hut 1 think it will be beneficial for the city," said councilman Bill Scheitler. Several council members voiced concerns over the administration's handling of the Grand Prix proposal without opening the bidding to others. A few also expressed worry over the city's investment in the race, but said the economic benefits overrode the risks. Shlenker's annual race of Indy cars is to begin in the summer of 1990 and bring to Denver such notable drivers as Aspen-resident and Indianapolis 500 winner Danny Sullivan and 1989 Indianapolis 500 winner Emerson Fittpaldi. Shlenket's race proposal will require the city to spend 3.2 million dollars over five years, including 1.4 million dollars for paving on the race circuit and 200,000 dollars for police, fire and emergency services in the first year.

Hearns and Leonard helped Usher

LAS VEGAS (AP) - By the time Sugar Ray Leonard leaves the ring Monday night, he will have earned at least 25 million dollars for two fights against Thomas Hearns. Hearns won't have done too badly himself, amassing at least 16 million dollars for two bouts spaced nearly eight years apart. Fight fans, meanwhile, will have paid more than 100 million dollars to watch the two do battle, and in the process ushered in a new era of megafights. "People pay for who they want to see," said Leonard. "Look at how much Michael Jackson makes. They pay to see him like they pay to see us." When Leonard and Hearns met Sept. 16, 1981, for the world welterweight championship, they hroke all records up to that point in a fight that grossed nearly 35 million dollars. When they meet again Monday night, it will more than likely set a new boxing record, with promoters predicting a gross of 80 million dollars for the scheduled 12-round bout. "You've got two of the most recognised names in boxing and these fighters appeal to a lot more than just the hardcore fight fans," said Rick Kulis, whose choice entertainment has the Southern California broadcast rights to the bout. "This should be bigger than Tyson-Spinks."

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French Open Fourth Round

Chang downs Lendl in 5 sets

PARIS (AP) — America's Michael Chang writhed with leg cramps but battled his way through. Haiti's Ronald Agenor was wracked by stomach contractions but tried not to think about them.

Monday as both players railied from two sets down to set up a quarterfinal meeting at the French Open Tennis Championships.

Chang's performance in beating the world's top player, Ivan Lendl, was described by the American's coach as incredible.

"I've been in tennis some years and this is the most incredible match I ever saw," said Jose Higueras, the former Spanish Davis Cup player. "Mike showed he has the stuff of a ebampion. It was memorable.

Chang's 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 centre court victory was the highlight of a remarkable day's tennis. as the second week of this famed clay-court Grand Slam event began.

Over on court No. I, the unseeded Agenor overcame a bout of stomach muscle spasms and a two-set deficit to beat Sergi Bruguera of Spain 2-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1, 6-2 and reach the quarterfinals of a Grand Slam tournament for the first time in his six years as a pro. Then there was Soviet Andrei Chesnokov, facing defeat against an American power machine cal-

Mind over matter prevailed led Jim Courier. But Chesnokov staged another comeback to eliminate the blond righthander 2-6,

3-6, 7-6, 6-2, 7-5. The only player to have en easy time was Sweden's Mats Wilander, the defending champion. He whipped Lawson Duncan of the United States 7-5, 6-3, 6-2.

Everything else on the tournament's eighth day, bowever, paled in significance against Chang's super-human effort.

Grimacing and cringing with pain, the 17-year-old American staged a startling upset as he tried everything he knew to stay with Lendl after rallying to two sets-

With a mixture of moon halls, smashing winners, guts, unorthodox play — including one under-hand serve — and numerous Lendl errors, Chang hecame the youngest player ever to reach the last eight of the men's event at Roland Garros.

He left the court in tears as the capacity crowd of 14,000 gave him a standing ovation.

"I'm just surprised I was able to hang on so long," said the I5th-seeded Chang. "At one point in the fifth set I thought I run around."

wouldn't be able to play anymore.

"It hasn't sunk in yet. I just want to get a good massage, go back to the hotel and sleep. Had Chang's cramps set in early in the match, he almost certainly would not have been able to last the pace. But by then, Lendl's concentration was

The top seed and favourite was warned in the first set, received a penalty point in the fourth and expended as much energy complaining about line calls and the crowd as he did trying to beat

already being tested.

But Lendl, a three-time French Open champion and winner of the Australian Open title in January, had kind words to say about his conqueror.

"He showed a lot of courage and deserves credit for it," Lendl said. "When you get cramps it's very painful and almost impossi- difficult for Lendl mentally. ble to play."

myself," Lendl said. "If it hap- said. pens early in the match when you're fresh you can take advantage of the situation. But when it's in the fifth and you've been playing for four years, it's hard to accelerate the pace and make him ment this year without being hurt

Elsewhere it was: Baltimore

16, New York 3; Boston 5, De-

troit 2; Texas 4, Chicago 2; Min-

nesota 2, Oakland I; Cleveland 7,

California 3; Kansas City 5, Seat-

Steve Finley's Grand Slam

and the Baltimore Orioles,

Chang, who had beaten Lendl in their only previous meeting — a three-set exhibition in Atlanta last month -- said he first felt the cramps toward the end of the third set but that the pain did not intensify until the final stanza.

Hardly able to serve, he gave Lendl soft, half-court balls to return and was broken twice in the final set. But on Lendi's serve, he went for hroke, finishing the points as quick as he could, mostly with backhand winners down-the-line.

Between points, Chang drank as much water as he could in the permitted 15 seconds and walked around the haseline doing kneebends, trying to prevent his muscles from tightning.

Chang, who won the point serving underhand and forced Lendl into a double-fault on match-point hy crowding the service line, said he figured it was

'It's a mental thing when you "I've played lots of opponents know your opponent is cramping with cramps and I've had cramps and not moving well," Chang

Agenor said he had undergone massage on his stomach since the beginning of the week. "It will be over very quickly. Anyway, I haven't played a single tournasomewhere," the Haitian said.

Heat waves Blue Jays beaten at home threaten TORONTO (AP) — The Blue people of Toronto and I'm sure Rangers 4, White Sox 2 Jays lost their debut in the New there will he many great moments Phoenix

PHOENIX, Ariz (R) - The sight of the victorious Alain Prost with a piece of tin foil on the top of his belmet to war off the sun just about summed up Sunday's

Grand Prix

U.S. Grand Prix motor race. The stifling arid heat of more than 38 degrees centigrade (100 degrees farenheit) reduced the 26-strong field to just six genuine finishers after two hours of racing around the streets of downtown Phoenix, venue for the U.S. race for the first time.

"It is not ideal by any means," said Benetton team manager Peter Collins. To drive and to work in these temperatures has left us all shattered. I hope it is not the same next year."

Prost, who took advantage of the retirement of world champion and McLaren team-mate Ayrton Senna with electrical problems, enjoyed a typically accomplished 36th Grand Prix win to move two drivers' championship. But the Frenchman admitted

afterwards he had experienced problems with the heat himself." At one point, I had to hack off because the car was overheating. Both the water and the oil. But then the temperatures came down and it was all right again."

Prost and Senna did not suffer alone. Briton Derek Warwick admitted he lost his cool and made a mistake which accounted for his early retirement.

Skydome Monday night as Glenn

Braggs hit a two-run homer, leading Milwaukee past Toronto 5-3.
The day started overcast, hut hy late afternoon the sun was shining and the retractable roof was rolled back.

The game had a postseason atmosphere, as both teams lined up on the hasepaths for pregame introductions, a band played and Canadian star Anne Murray sang the national anthems of Canada and the United States. When the Blue Jays took the

field, they were given a standing ovation by a seliout crowd of 48,378 and several players tipped "That was great," Toronto eatcher Ernie Whitt said. "This is

helped by six New York errors. embarrassed the Yankees 16-3 for their eighth straight victory. Red Sox 5, Tigers 2 Mike Greenwell hit a 440-foot

Orioles 16, Yankees 3

(130-metre) home run and drove in three runs as the Red Sox spoiled the return of Tigers manager Sparky Anderson. Roger a great place and it belongs to the Clemens, 6-4, got the victory.

Julio Franco knocked in two runs, increasing his American League-leading total to 49, and the Rangers were helped hy Chicago's Shoddy Fielding. Bobby Witt, 5-5, allowed seven hits, struck out five and walked one. Twins 2, Athletics 1

Al Newman singled home both

runs and Jeff Reardon held off

capped an eight-run third inning Oakland to give Minnesota the

victory. Indians 7, Angels 3 Cory Snyder's three-run homer in the third inning snapped a 2-2 tie, sparking the Indians. Bud

Royals 5, Mariners 3 Matt Winters singled in the 13th inning, scoring Danny Tarta-bull with the winning run.

Black, 5-6, won his fourth game.

Pistons using Lakers' record

AUBURN HILLS, Michigan Riley said. "Chuck is telling his about sweeping the Pistons. (AP) — The Detroit Pistons are nsing the Los Angeles Lakers' unheaten playoff record for monvation, the t aren't worrying about it.

"I think they truly believe they can sweep us and go undefeated in the playoffs," Pistons coach Chuck Daly said Monday on the eve of game I of the NBA finals.

"They are coming in here to win two from us. We are 43-5 at home and we've won the last game on the road in all three of our playoff series. So we helieve we can win, too."
"We want to win four games

and that's it," Lakers coach Pat

players that we can sweep to infuriate them."

decade, are 11-0 in the playoffs and now we're at the hardest.

The Pistons, who have fou Portland and 4-0 sweeps of Seattle and Phoenix. No team in National Baskethall

Association history has made it through the playoffs without los-ing a game, with the 1983 Philadelphia 76ers coming the closest at 12-1.

Kareem Abdul-Jahbar, playing his 20th and final season, and several teammates said it's too early for the Lakers to worry

"We didn't expect to sweep anyone," Abdul-Jahhar said. "Ît The Lakers, making their just worked out that way. Each ep has gotten harder and harde

> The Pistons, who have four scheduled games of the best-of-7 series at home because they had an NBA-best 63-19 regular-scason record, want to put to rest any ideas the Lakers have of

sweeping.
"We don't want to read about them being undefeated anymore," centre Bill Laimbeer said. "But more important is that this is a home game for us that we

Peanuts







MY STUPID CAT RUNS OFF WITH THE TENNIS BALLS EVERY TIME I PLAY!





Andy Capp







Heart-and-soul

NEW YORK (AP) — Madouna

and Sandra Bernhard caused a

commotion with a bump-and

grind rendition of the song "I Go

You Babe" at a recent benefit,

But they said saving the world

rain forests is more important

than questions about their

seemingly flirtations friendship.
"Don't believe those stories you

heard about us," Madonna said in this week's People magazine. "Believe them," responded Bernhard "Madonna and I have a

heart-and-soul friendship," she added. "Beyond that, it's no

body's business. The way we ac

together is a political statement. It's to say to the world, 'Get pas the judgments. Accept people for what they are.' The rain forest is

dying. What do you care more

about, the rain forest or our

sexuality?" The two appeared a a recent "Don't Bungle the Jang

le" benefit at the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

friendship'



Polish opposition leader Lech Walesa (right), with

polling booth after casting their votes in Sunday's

Solidarity rejects coalition with party despite triumph

WARSAW (AP) - Solidarity said Tuesday that despite its overwhemling victory in parliament elections it was not interested in accepting the Communist Party's offer to join a governing coali-

In a conciliatory move, however, the free trade union movement offered to stand hy the agreement it made with authorities in April and allow the party the two-thirds majority in parliament's powerful lower house,

Up to 35 of those seats may be vacant because high party and government officials such as Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski appeared to have been defeatd in Sunday's vote despite running unopposed.

Voters disgruntled by the Communists' more than 40 years of authoritarian rule and economic management did not give many of the high-ranking officials the majority needed to gain seats.

Solidarity won an overwhelming majority of seats to the new 100-member Senate and virtually all the 161 seats permitted it in the

lower house (Sejm), according to unofficial returns. A handful of seats may be

decided in runoffs June 18. On Monday, the prty conceded defeat in what was Poland's most democratic balloting in more than four decades, hut fears were raised that the outcome would precipitate a new political crisis. The result gave an opposition group in Eastern Europe control of a freely chosen chamber of parliament for the first time since the post-war Communist

takeover. The Communists urged Solidarity to join a governing coalition, an arrangement unprecedented in the Soviet bloc.

"We cannot do reforms by ourselves. ... we need each other." deputy government spokesman Zbyslaw Rykowski said Tuesday.

He declined to be specific, saying such questions would have to wait until the new parliament is seated. But he said Rakowski would offer his resignation and that of his cabinet at that time.

At a news conference Tuesday. Solidarity spokesman Janusz Onyszkiewicz said the union considers itself bound by the April accords in which it agreed to give the government a majority in the 460-member Sejm — 299 seats.

Authorities should thus be allowed to fill the vacant seats as they please, he said.

Onyszkiwicz ruled out a formal governing coalition: "All candidates for deputy and senator stated that they will enter the Sejm or Senate as the opposition. That was made very clear."

But he said that did not rule out future "joint actions and joint decisions" to solve specific proh-

Senior Solidarity adviser Bronislaw Geremek told reporters the union was ready to act jointly with the government to work for

Onyszkiewicz praised Monday's statement by Communist Party spokesman Jan Bisztyga, who acknowledged the party's electoral defeat.

Pretoria offers Namibia amnesty

WINDHOEK (R) - South Africa has agreed to grant full amnesty to about 41,000 Namibian exiles due to return home next ident P.W. Botha and would be month, the top United Nations official in the territory said Tuesday.

Martti Ahtisaari, special representative in Namibia of U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, said the amnesty would speed up the return of the exiles who fled Namibia under South African rule.

He told a news conference it had removed a major hurdle in

the transition to independence. "We are very pleased to have got a total amnesty... this resulted from lengthy and very de-

tailed discussions," he said.

Ahtisaari said new South African legislation granting the amnesty had been signed by Prespassed into law next week.

Nicholas Bwakira, who heads the office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Namibia, said the first of the refugees — more than 1,000 — would begin arriving at three centres in Namihia Monday.

Most of them have been living in exile in neighbouring Angola and Zambia. Many of the refugees are sup-

porters of the South West Africa People's Organisation (SWA-PO), which fought a 23-year-old guerrilla war against South African rule in Namibia. Fighters from SWAPO's milit-

ary wing, the People's Liberation Army of Namibia, will not be included among the Namibians to be repatriated by the UNHCR. They will be repatriated

under a different process to be administered by... Ahtisaari," Bwakira said.

conference that South Africa had agreed to pass another law scrapping the last vestiges of racial discrimination in Namibia, which could hinder free elections to be supervised by the U.N. Nov. 1.

South African officials in Windhock said they hoped the new legislation would be passed Tuesday or Wednesday next week.

Babangida undeterred by violent protests

LAGOS (Agencies) - President Ibrahim Bahangida has vowed to pursue the stringent economic policies that led to last week's violent, nationwide demonstra-

Speaking at Monday's opening of the armed forces consultative assembly in Nigeria's new capital, Bahangida said there was no viable alternative to the new economic programme. Austerity measures instituted

recently by the military govern-ment were demanded by Western creditors and have led to sharp price hikes for some basic goods and services. Those price increases touched

off a violent student demonstration at a university in the midwestern city of Benin on May 24 and rioting spread to most parts of Nigeria last week.

A Lagos newspaper, Punch, reported Sunday that 50 people had died nationwide in a six-day series of violent clashes between police and demonstrators. Babangida has called off an official visit to France two days before his scheduled arrival in Paris.

A Nigerian official in the

French capital told Reuters the June 7-10 visit, the first by a Nigerian leader, had been postponed at the request of the Lagos Information Minister Tony

Momoh later confirmed in Lagos that the official visit to France was off. "I can tell you that the president is not going," he told

He said be could not give any reason for the move.

A Nigerian police chief Monday ordered an investigation of



Ibrahim Babangida

the reports that 50 bodies were delivered to a city centre bospital mortuary after last week's violent protests. -

Police have maintained an official deathtoll of eight in the latest disturbances in Ketu, an outlying suburb of Lagos.

56 killed, 500 hurt in Uzbek violence

MOSCOW (Agencies) — More than 50 people were killed and at least 500 injured in what appeared to be the Soviet Union's worst ethnic bloodshed in decades as Uzbeks clashed last weekend with a Turkic minority in Central Asia, Soviet sources said Tuesday.

tian Turks, an ethnic minority deported from Georgia to Uzbekistan by the late Soviet dictator Josef Stalin during World War II.

The clashes in the Fergana valley, southeast of the Uzbek capital, Tashkent, were likened hy the Communist Party daily Pravda to a progrom. At least 7,000 Interior Ministry

troops were reported to have been rushed to Fergana, amid reports of continuing shooting. An overnight curfew was in force. Some 5,000 Meskhetians, fear-

ing more violence, fled to a refugee camp outside Fergana to seek protection of troops, a journalist at the official Novosti press agency told Reuters from Tash-

"According to our figures, as

By Bryan Brumley The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. and

Soviet naval accidents have lit-

tered the ocean floor with at

least 50 nuclear weapons and 10

nuclear reactors since World

War .II, according to a report released Tuesday by the Green-

peace environmental group. Forty-three of the 50

weapons and six of the nine

reactors are Soviet, and the real

number may be much higher

because so few details are

known of secretive Soviet navy

operations, said William Arkin,

an analyst who worked with

We got no information at all

Greenpeace on the project.

from the Soviets, said Arkin,

who works at the Institute for

Policy Studies, a liberal

Washington interest group. "We were totally unsuccessful

in getting any kind of real re-

sponse from them. And we

were totally unsuccessful in get-

ting any information from U.S.

Denmark

COPENHAGEN, Denmark

(AP) — Pope John Paul II, arriv-

ing in pouring rain Tuesday on

the fourth stop of a Scandinavian

tour, was greeted by Prime Minis-

ter Poul Schlueter and a group of

school children waving the redand-white Danish flag.

The pontiff hriefly lost his

scullcap on the wet tarmac as he knelt to kiss the ground, his custom when making his first visit

to a country. Unruffled, he set

damp cap back on his head and

went to meet Schlueter on the

The Pope was having a private

audience with Queen Mar-

garethe, saying mass at a convent near Copenhagen and attending

evensong at the 12th century Ros-

kilde cathedral, the hurial place

Earlier in the day, the Pope hiessed the elderly and sick at an

early morning prayer service in

Finland was the third leg of a

five-nation Nordic tour that has

Helsinki, the Finnish capital.

of the Danish royal family.

reviewing stand.

accidents."

Pope

visits

Soviet media said marauding of Monday evening there were 56 Uzbeks brandishing sticks and iron bars hunted down Meskhe-who declined to be identified. He who declined to be identified. He said 43 of the dead were Meskhetian Turks.

The rest included Uzbeks, Tajiks and Russians. Another 385 Turks and 136 Uzbeks were wounded. Seventeen Interior Ministry troops and

five policemen are in hospital."

The journalist said 230 people had been detained by Monday night, of whom 130 were later set free, while 417 houses and 116 cars and buses had been burnt out in the weekend's violence.

A Moscow telephone operator said Tuesday she was unable to put calls through to Fergana because communications with the region had been disrupted by the unrest. Calls dialed directly from

Moscow also did not go through. Soviet Interior Minister Vadim

Using material obtained

from the U.S. government

under the Freedom of Informa-

tion Act, the researchers listed

1,276 accidents since World

War II involving military ves-

Twenty-seven snhmarines

powered by nuclear reactors have sunk in that period, in-

cluding five Soviet, four Amer-

ican, four French and three

British, as well as submarines

from West Germany, Israel.

Pakistan, Peru, Spain and Tur-

key, the analysts reported in

Perbaps the most serious

accident was the sinking of a

Soviet Yankee-class submarine

on Oct. 6, 1986, with 32 nuclear

warheads and two nuclear torpe-

does aboard 960 kilometres

More recently a Soviet

'Mike" class submarine sank

off the coast of Norway in April

with two nuclear reactors and

two nuclear tipped torpedoes

ing to the U.S. navy, the Soviet

aboard, the report said.

Pope John Paul

Iceland. The Roman Catholic

church is in minority throughout

the region, which also includes

As the Pope entered his plane

at Helsinki airport, a small group

of Pentecostalists held up a han-

ner protesting the papal visit.

Although Finland is an overwhelmingly Lutheran country,
with 4,200 Catholics among a

population of five million, the

Pope received a warm welcome

During an ecumenical prayer

meeting Monday in Turku, on the

southwest coast. Lutheran

Archhishop John Vikstrom stres-

sed the importance of the papal

and visibly enjoyed the visit.

Denmark and Sweden.

their 101-page study.

northeast of Bermuda.

'At least 50 nuclear bombs litter ocean floor

Bakatin, Uzbek party leader Rafik Nishanov and local members of the Soviet parliament, went to the scene to try to calm passions.

Tashkent Radio broadcast an appeal by Mufti MukhammadsadykMamayusupov,leader of the spiritual board of the Muslims of central Asia and Kazakhstan.

The terrible incidents taking place in Fergana left deep sorrow and concern in the hearts of all of us. This is against the religion of Islam. This is against Islamic teaching," he said.

Like members of the dozens of other minorities deported by Stalin, many Meskhetians have been asking to go home.

Pravda's correspondent reported that there were unusually large crowds on the streets of Fergana when he arrived with a group of Soviet journalists early Monday morning.

'Many party officials had not slept all night. On the eve, a group of people armed with iron bars and other weapons had rushed into the huilding," he

Union had over 200 serious submarine accidents," accord-

ing to a summary of the report.
"The Soviet Union bas bad

more sinkings, more propulsion

failures, and according to U.S.

intelligence sources, more accidents than the United States."

information about two U.S.

accidents that received wide

publicity over the past month.

In 1965, an A-4 warplane fell off the USS Treonderoga off

Okinawa with a bydrogen

bomh aboard, and on Nov. 22,

1975, a fire aboard the USS

Belknap came within 12 metres

Although the report carried

the greatest detail about inci-

dents involving U.S. vessels, its

sharpest criticism was of the

Soviets. Arkin said be planned

to deliver a Russian-language version of the study to the

Soviet embassy in Washington

and would seek a meeting with

well as sporadic news media

(OAS) foreign ministers are re-

convening for a renewal of their

discussions on the Panama situa-

tion with an eye on resolving that

country's political crisis by Sept.

Ministers from the 31-nation

body dispatched Secretary

General Joao Baena Soares and

three other envoys to Panama

late last month with a mandate to

carry out a democratic "transfer

of power" there following the

failed election process of May 7.

ress and were expected to seek

authority from the OAS ministers

Tuesday to make a return trip to

The administration of U.S.

President George Bush has been

at the forefront of a faction advo-

cating the removal of Manuel

Antonio Noriega hut generally

members to take the initiative.

The OAS resolution approved at a May 17 meeting blamed

has looked to the Latin OAS

Рапата.

The envoys made little prog-

"Official secrecy, particularly

OAS pursues

of nuclear weapons.

Soviet officials.

Greenpeace earlier revealed

Others, many apparently drunk, rampaged through the streets throwing stones and molotov cocktails.

They broke down doors in search of Meskhetian Turks, who gathered several hours before in an adjacent square for protection. Thanks to quick action, they were evacuated to a safe place several minutes before the appearance of the ontrageous mob," reported the Pravda jour-

Another group of elderly Meskhetians, women and children came to party headquarters during Monday, fleeing their homes which had been set on fire by

They said some Uzbek neighbours risked their own lives to save them from those trying to cause a pogrom," he said,

The rioting began as the Soviet Union's latest ethnic violence, but it was fuelled hy chronic unemployment and soon turned "vicious clashes between into thousands of furious people," according to the nightly TV news ргоргамме "Угемуа.

interest in reporting routine

accidents, are major impedi-

ments to compiling a complete

have involved naval ships of the

United States," it said. "This preponderance of U.S. acci-

dents does not mean a higher

accident rate than other navies

particularly the Soviet navy."

accidents are known to have occurred, but due to inadequ-

ate data and excessive secrecy.

we have been mable to door-

ment specific dates or circumstances," it said.

Asked in a telephone inter-

view to give an example of a

Soviet naval accident in which

nuclear weapons or reactors.

were suspected but not

documented to be involved,

Arkin cited the sinking of a

destroyer in the Black Sea in

"A Kashin-class destroyer

with 275 crewmen sank with all

hands. Our speculation is that

there were probably nuclear

torpedoes aboard," Arkin said.

process a month ago.

Panama.

Diplomatic discussions con-

tinued late into the evening Mon-

day and were resuming Tnesday as delegates attempted to come

up with a new resolution on

Secretary of State James Baker

discussed the situation Monday

evening with Baena Soares and

Ecuadoran Foreign Minister

Diego Cordovez, one of the fore-

ign ministers who serve on the

mediating team. The others are

from Trinidad and Costa Rica.

perative that the OAS keep

pressure on Noriega. The official,

who asked not to be identified, said Sept. 1 was being viewed as a

'guidepost" because Panama is

scheduled, under its constitution,

Just who the new president

would be is unclear since the

Noriega-dominated electoral tri-

bunal in Panama annulled the

May 7 election three days after it

to change presidents that day.

One U.S. official said it is im-

"Many bundreds more Soviet

"Of the 1,277 accidents, 799

record," the report said. .

Paraplegic hangs Washington bridge

NEW YORK (AP) - A paraple gic hung on a rope from the George Washington Bridge for more than two hours Monday. producing a rish hour traffic jam before police pulled him up and arrested him. Police said the man, who also lowered himself from the Brooklyn hridge last August, was charged with reckless endangerment, disorderly conduct and trespassing. He identified himself to police as Raymond Mauhamnad, 41. Police said be is the same man who hung over the East River for more than an hour Aug. I before officers convinced him to come down. He described himself at the time as "Megaman" and "America's No. I stunt man," although the Brooklyn stunt was apparently his first. He said then his name was Ramond Masa, but gave police the different name when arrested Monday. The man lowered himself from the George Washington Bridge's upper level shortly before 6 a.m. (1000 GMT), and within an hour was about 30 metres from the Hudson River. The bridge is a vital crossing for long distance as well as commuter motorists. He

Panama solution \$1m water bill WASHINGTON (AP) — Orga-pisation of American States during the country's electoral shrinked to \$15.68

carried what looked like a United

Nations flag, and set off smoke

bombs while banging over the water, according to the port au-

thority of New York and New

Jersey, which owns the bridge.

KUALA LUMPUR (AP) — A new computerised billing system has resulted in water bills of up to \$1 million for some irate customers, customers and officials said Tuesday. Tan Kok Kim had his 2.7-million-ringgits (\$1 million) water bill reduced to 42.36 ringgits (\$15.68) Monday after he complained that he lives alone and his previous hills bad averaged only about 10 ringeits (\$3.7) each month. Tan lives in Johore Bahru, 300 kilometres south of Kuala Lumpur. Chu Teng Kiew. who received a bill for 1.8 million ringgits (\$666,418) for the month of May had his hill reduced to 44.97 ringgits (\$16.63) after be complained. Department Directions of the complained of the tor Kong Meng Keong said consumers need not be alarmed over shocking figures in their computerised bills because the department will rectify it. Other officials said there had been a programming foul-up when the billing system was computerised three months ago and more than 1,000 irritated consumers had turned up to have their bills

corrected.

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taken the Pope to Norway and visit. Noriega for the "abuses and Foreign journalists beaten up, booted around in Peking melee

By John Pomfret The Associated Press

PEKING - Foreign journalists covering the martial crackdown in Peking have been shot. beaten and detained by Chinese troops in an attempt to squelch reporting of one of the darkest pages in communist China's his-

A Japanese reporter was shot in the foot and a French journalist was hit by a bullet in the back while both were mingling with crowds near Tiananmen Square Both are recovering.

1 . U.S. television reporcare ware roughed up and detutting for a day. A reporter for the British wire service, Reuters, was blindfolded and held for six hours. Troops also beat two other British reporters.

Another British journalist was forced to kneel in front of troops who beat him with sticks. A Chinese propaganda team took photographs of the incident and one of them yanked off the journalist's glasses, crushing them under his feet.

At least six photojournalistshave had their equipment confiscated or smashed on the pavement hy troops.

Most of the incidents occurred Saturday and early Sunday when many reporters were on the streets, covering the bloodshed that left hundreds of unarmed Chinese Send. By Sunday night, however, many of the journalists had confined

themselves to hotels. Those who did venture out found a city under siege. Travelling was done best hy

bicycle, through the cramped hack alleys of the inner city.

Monday and Tuesday, troops occupied main intersections but during the day let pedestrians and cyclists pass. Troops at one intersection scrambled to the top of a tank when an Associated Press reporter pedalled by, but they did not attempt to stop

Foreign reporters have been welcomed by the citizens of Peking, who unanimously oppose the army's occupation of their city.

"Let the world know about what is happening to us." said one woman as trimps sprayed automatic weapons fire at crowd of demonstrators. "Let the whole world know that our government has gone mad." Reliable information is hard

The Chinese press is in the

hands of those carrying out the crackdown. State-run radio Monday claimed that "not one person died on Tiananmen Square," scene of student's three-week pro-democracy occupation.

Although it was not known bow many casualties occurred in the central square, estimates put the death toll anywhere between 500 and 12,000 city-

The Chinese Red Cross refuses to answer questions on the death toll and hospitals rarely have complete statistics. On the street, Chinese surround foreign reporters, asking

them for any information about wbat is happening in their city. "We bave no other choice," said one man, standing near a

burning bus. "Our media is run by bandits. News about our own country has become another import item."

When martial law was declared May 20, the Peking city government slapped tight restrictions on the foreign media, prohibiting coverage of the activities of Chinese troops.

But the foreign media, bolstered by the hundreds in town for the summit with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, ignored the restrictions. U.S. television crews hroadcast live from Tiananmen Square, surrounded by masses of curious Chinese.

The restrictions were strengthened last week when foreign reporters were prohibited from talking with Chinese about martial law, but those rules too were generally ignored.

During the army's siege of Tiananmen Square, a correspondent and cameraman for the U.S. CBS network were grabbed by troops during a live broadcast.

Reporter Richard Roth and cameraman Derek Williams were roughed up by six to eight soldiers, who kicked and punched them. They were detained for about 20 hours and then released.

Michael Fathers, a correspondent for the British newspaper Independent, said he was beat up by paramilitary "goon squad" near Tiananmen Square early Sunday morning as troops

poured into the vast expanse.

They just charged at me like madmen, Fathers said. "One man pointed his pistol at my head and told me to put my hands up. The others wacked me with sticks and did karate jumps, banging into me."

"Soldiers nearby broke ranks and ran over, kicking and thumping me. They were just crazy. A propaganda team showed up, taking pictures. One of them took my spectacles and crushed them into the pavement in some kind of symbolic act. They made me kneel with my hands in the air and just kept wacking me."

Covered in bruises and lacerations, Fathers collapsed. An officer stopped the beating. After detaining him for two hours,

the troops let him go.
"I went up a side street." When the citizens saw me coming they applauded. They treated me like a bloody hero.

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